

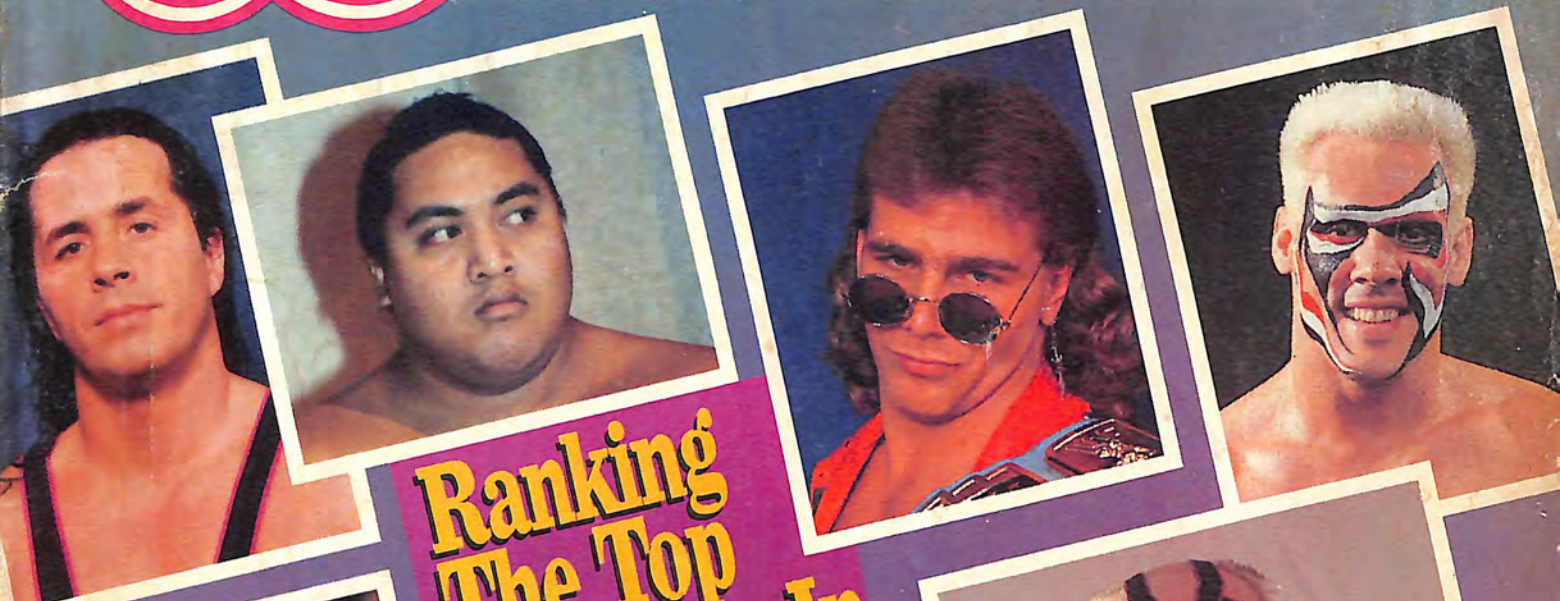
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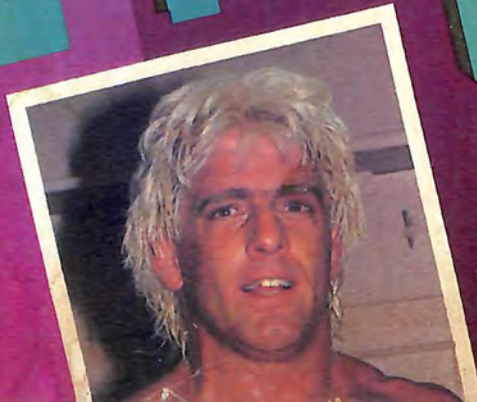
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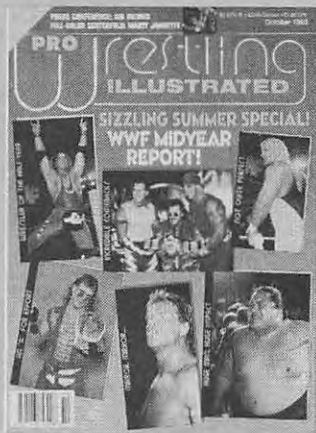
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MIDYEAR MARKS



Our October 1993 cover highlighted the happenings of the first half of 1993 in the WWF. In that issue we reviewed the wrestlers' performances during the year's first six months. Several readers had opinions on our grades.

"Giving Marty Jannetty an A just because he had one good night and Hulk Hogan a B because he got lucky in an unsanctioned WWF World title match, then basically disappeared from wrestling, is ridiculous," wrote Rod Andrews of Hershey, Pennsylvania. "Those grades will come down by the end of the year."

"Bob Backlund deserved more credit than he got in the midyear report," wrote Aimee Olson of Tampa, Florida. "I realize he didn't win a lot of matches, but he did come back after five years off. He deserved better than an F."

One reader thought the WWF deserved its share of credit just for giving fans an action-packed six months.

"Just look at the great pictures in that issue of *PWI* and you see how exciting the WWF is," wrote Nick Bruno of Pontiac, Michigan. "People don't like Vince McMahon, but credit him for signing a lot of talented wrestlers."

HAIL THE REAL KING

A lot of wrestling fans have been talking about how Jerry Lawler has turned his back on the USWA fans. I don't think this is so! I have been following Lawler's career for 20 years and have nothing but respect for this man and what he has done for the sport and the USWA. He is the only man who has beaten both current and former champions in



Our highest respect and admiration for all the quality opponents he has defeated and all he's done for wrestling is all Jerry "The King" Lawler deserves, according to reader John Wells.

other federations. He can't help it if wrestlers in the other federations are afraid to wrestle him or, worse, put their titles on the line against him.

Lawler's association with the WWF can only help the USWA and

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CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION

Your recent story about the NWA title ("Special Editorial: NWA or WCW—They Can't Have It Both Ways!" October 1993) was insulting to my intelligence. You say the

NWA changed its name to WCW. Untrue. WCW is just one promotion within the NWA. Smoky Mountain and New Japan are two others. The official NWA ratings reflect this. Back in 1991, the NWA and WCW titles were one and the same. When WCW stripped Ric Flair of its title, the NWA publicly stated that Flair was still NWA champ.

Somewhere along the line, Flair was stripped of the NWA championship. Eventually the vacant title was filled in a tournament consisting of WCW and New Japan wrestlers. Masa Chono won the belt, later lost it to The

Great Muta, who in turn was dethroned by Barry Windham. When Flair singled out Windham instead of WCW champion Big Van Vader, it was because he wanted to be champion of an alliance of promotions. Check the facts—you'll see that everything I have written is true.

STANLEY HETZ

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LOSING FAITH IN HULK

I'm writing because I'm upset with the man who calls himself the "Real American," none other than Hulk Hogan. I have been faithfully watching wrestling for 11 years, and I am a former "Hulkamaniac." When I read about what happened with Hogan and the IWGP title, which he said was more prestigious than the WWF World belt, I lost all respect for him. It's hard to believe that Hulk would belittle the very federation that made him a superstar. In my opinion, the "Hulkster" believes the WWF will die without him. But with talent such as Lex



Hulk Hogan is mistaken if he thinks the WWF will fold without him, writes Raymond Macdowell. The former "Hulkamaniac" vows to cease following the WWF if Hogan returns and recaptures the WWF World title.

Luger, Bret Hart, and The Undertaker, I think the WWF will survive long after Hogan retires. If he should return to the WWF and regain the WWF World title, that's the day I stop watching all WWF events.

RAYMOND MACDOWELL
Southbridge, MA

DEJA VU FOR SID

Just when everyone thought he was going to finally reach his potential, Sid Vicious once again is slipping into the depths of medioc-



Sid Vicious becomes just another mediocre wrestler when he's up against men like Sting, says "PWI Hotline" caller Connie Myer. She says his long layoff did nothing for a sagging career.

rity. Okay, so he does fine against the weaker competition, easily crushing guys like Van Hammer, Marcus Alexander Bagwell, and 2 Cold Scorpio, but put him in the ring with Sting or Davey Boy Smith and it's curtains for the big guy. And what's he gaining by teaming with Big Van Vader? I can see the long layoff from wrestling did nothing for him; he's still the same old Sid.

CONNIE MYER
New Orleans

GENTLEMAN ANDERSON

I'm calling to respond to your story about Arn Anderson in your October 1993 issue ("Arn Anderson On The Run? Erik Watts: Taking The 'Force' Out Of The Enforcer"). I think you've missed the point of the new Arn. I believe he sees talent and potential in Watts and wants to make sure the young man doesn't get hurt, thereby ruining a promising career. He's doing the same thing with Paul Roma. Anderson is sacrificing a solo

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10 YEARS AGO IN PWI



The cover of the December 1983 issue featured Dusty Rhodes and posed the question, "Has Dusty Rhodes Turned His Back On The American Dream?" Rhodes explained to a *PWI* reporter that he felt that it wasn't in his best interests to live up to his "American Dream" persona. He went on to say the reason his NWA title reigns were so short was that he couldn't do the nastier things a champion needed to do. Instead he had to live up to fans' expectations.

The centerfold showcased Native American legend Wahoo McDaniel. He had been feuding with both Greg Valentine and Tully Blanchard. McDaniel boasted that he had accomplished nearly everything he had set out to do in wrestling—except win a world title. For that reason he began targeting AWA World champion Nick Bockwinkel.

Elsewhere in the magazine: New rulebreaker Ted DiBiase spoke his mind in "Press Conference," discussing his recent attacks on Mr. Wrestling II and Junkyard Dog ... Michaels Hayes discussed his dream of having Mil Mascaras become the fourth Freebird. It never happened ... Stan Hansen admitted to Senior Editor Bill Apter that he had underestimated the talents of NWA World champ Harley Race ... "Playboy" Buddy Rose propositioned Liz Hunter; our revolted columnist turned him down.

RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

PAUL ROMA'S CRITICS have been silenced! The newest Horseman still may be no **Tully Blanchard** in some people's eyes, but he showed he belongs as a member of the legendary group. Roma and **Arn Anderson** won the WCW World tag team belts from **The Hollywood Blonds** at Clash of the Champions XXIV in Daytona Beach, Florida.

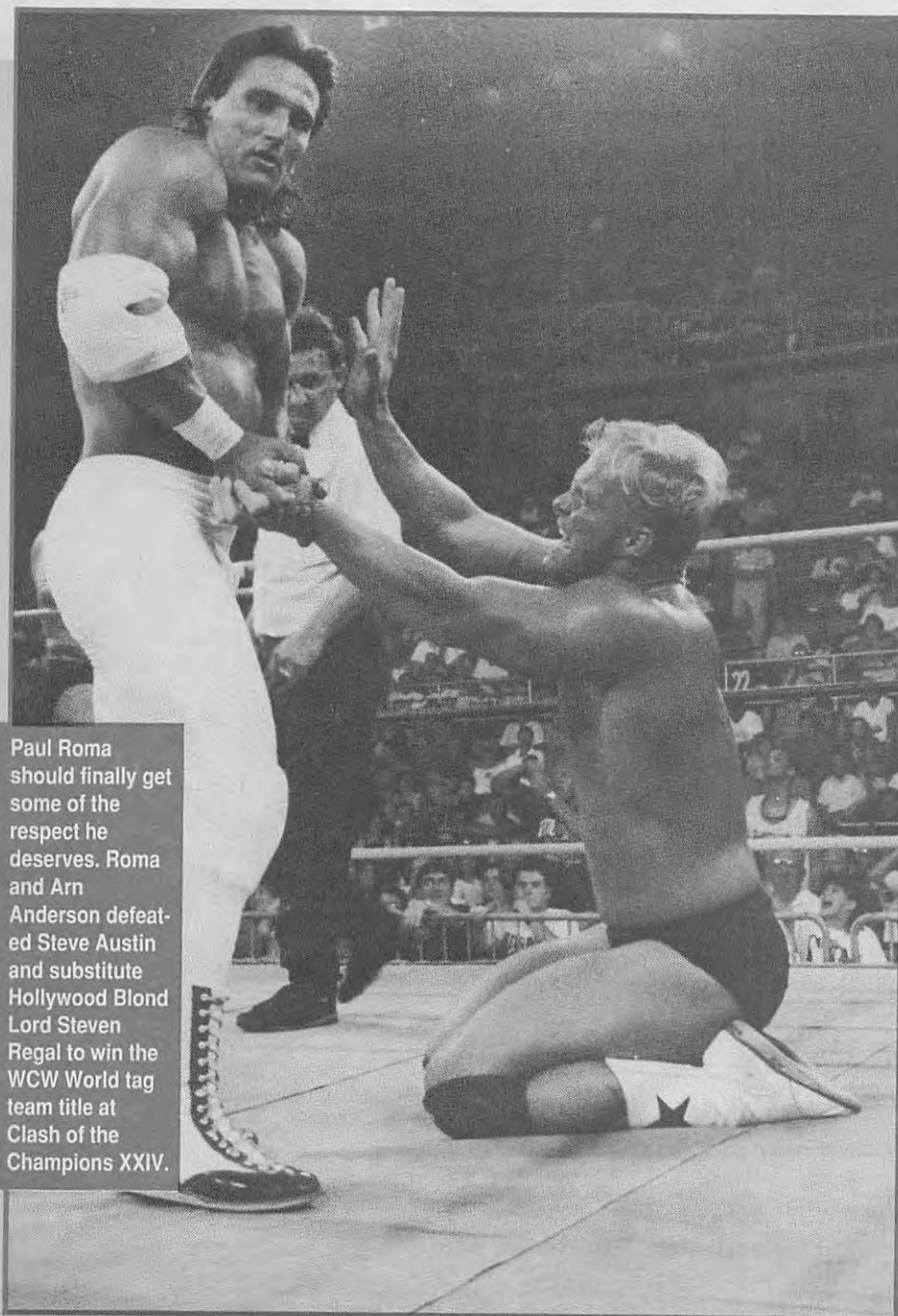
Well, they sorta beat the Blonds. **Brian Pillman** was unable to compete due to an injured ankle. Despite the Blonds' vehement protests, WCW officials forced them to defend their title, so they chose aristocrat **Lord Steven Regal** as a substitute for Pillman. Anderson rolled up **Steve Austin** for the pin, though "The Enforcer" held his opponent's tights in getting the three-count.

Somehow, Regal and Hollywood just don't seem to go together.

Also at the Clash, **Ricky Steamboat** captured the WCW TV title from **Paul Orndorff**. Paul was his usual "wonderful" self in defeat. He piledrived "The Dragon" on the TV belt after the match.

Road Warrior Hawk revealed himself to be **Dustin Rhodes'** mystery partner against **Rick Rude** and **The Equalizer**. Even **Road Warrior Animal** was on hand to watch the match. Rhodes and Hawk were impressive as a team as "The Natural" pinned Equalizer ...

Charlie Norris tomahawk chopped his way into WCW. He defeated the skilled **Bobby Eaton** in one minute at Atlanta's Omni.



Paul Roma should finally get some of the respect he deserves. Roma and Arn Anderson defeated Steve Austin and substitute Hollywood Blond Lord Steven Regal to win the WCW World tag team title at Clash of the Champions XXIV.

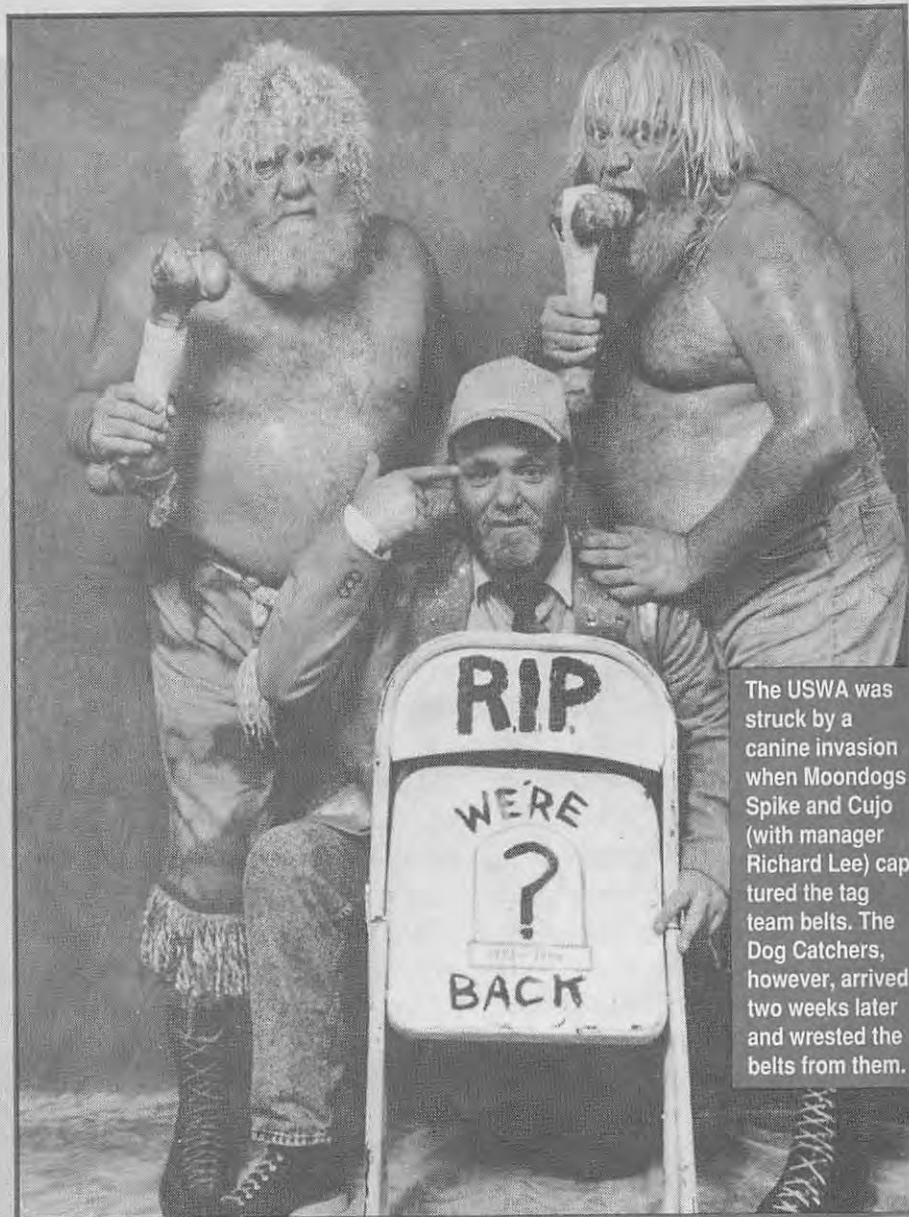
Has wrestling gone to the dogs? It has in the USWA. **The Moondogs, Spike and Cujo**, defeated **C.W. Bergstrom** and **Melvin Penrod Jr.** in Memphis to win the USWA tag team title. Two weeks later at the Mid-South Coliseum, Spike and Cujo were hauled away to the pound, so to speak, when **The Dog Catchers** took home the belts.

The **Toni Adams-Chris Adams-Brian Christopher** soap opera just won't seem to end. I only *wish* it were a soap opera. But this is real life! After Chris stormed into the USWA, revealing that Christopher's maid, **Miss Simpson**, was actually Toni, Chris' estranged wife, the lovely Simpson, er Toni, seemed torn between her two men.

On one occasion, Toni refused to beat Chris with a belt when Christopher had him tangled in the ropes. Toni did, however, team with Christopher later in a mixed tag team bout against Chris and **Miss Texas**. The latter duo won. When Chris and Christopher squared off two days later, Toni refused to smash her husband when Christopher held him down and ordered her to do so. After Christopher was counted out, Chris scooped up Toni and carried her back to the locker room. Christopher vowed to get revenge. Ah, wedded bliss!

Chris has a big problem on another front. GWF champion **Rod Price** is out for his blood (or perhaps his hair). Adams embarrassed Price when he tore out his hair weave several months back. Personally, I think hair is overrated ...

In the WWF, **Lex Luger's** patriotism



The USWA was struck by a canine invasion when Moondogs Spike and Cujo (with manager Richard Lee) captured the tag team belts. The Dog Catchers, however, arrived two weeks later and wrestled the belts from them.

hasn't died down. According to reliable sources within the federation, high on Lex's list of priorities is wiping out **Ludvig Borga**, the pride of Helsinki, Finland. Borga loves to hear the Finnish national anthem played on the loudspeaker as he enters an arena. If Lex gets his hands on him, I'll bet Borga changes his tune real quick.

Did everyone notice **Bastion Booger's** prematch ritual on a recent *WWF Monday Night Raw*? Before a key match with **Marty Jannetty**, you'd think he'd be working out some last-minute strategy. Not Booger! He was more interested in munching on a WWF ice cream bar. Is it any wonder the

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This is why, in a bold entrepreneurial venture, I am lining up a pay-per-view event—my own "Fall Brawl" (not to be confused with the WCW extravaganza). It will take place on October 15, one of the travel days during the World Series. The card will cost \$19.95 and will take place at

Cleveland Stadium, recently evacuated by the Cleveland Indians, which holds nearly 100,000 for wrestling and should be filled to the brim.

The lineup for my "Fall Brawl" has more power than the Toronto Blue Jays' first six hitters. Here's a peek at some of the matches:

Bob Scanlan vs. Al Martin: At 6'8", Scanlan is the tallest competitor on the card and could do some

serious damage. Martin is an impressive rookie with a solid physique; he's held his own in several battle royals this year. He gives away a lot of height but has the input of Jim Leyland, who has taken the promising newcomer under his wing. Look for Martin to continue his winning ways by scoring the upset. *Prediction: Martin.*

Tony LaRussa vs. Phil Garner (special "Manager's Challenge" match): LaRussa, a fan favorite when he managed The Bash Brothers in the late '80s, has the edge in experience, battling Buck Showalter to a no-contest in 1992. Garner, known as "Scrap Iron," has tired of LaRussa's trash talking and finger pointing and is the sentimental favorite. Expect interference on LaRussa's behalf, perhaps from Troy Neel, one of his young stable members. *Prediction: LaRussa.*

Vince Coleman vs. His Conscience (special steel cage

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Terry Funk and Eddie Gilbert pound each other in a bloody brawl. Columnist Chris Bernucca points out that today's baseball players seem willing to fight at the drop of a hat. He thinks the brutal actions of some of these basebrawlers could make vicious wrestlers like Gilbert and Funk proud.



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match): On paper, it's no contest. Coleman, a sinister rulebreaker, has employed every foreign object from a golf club to a firecracker (allegedly) in previous bouts with his better half. The surly speedster shows no remorse or mercy. His Conscience, though, specializes in the psycho-



George Steele bites the arm of Tiger Chung Lee. With the way baseball is played today, would it be all that surprising to see one of that sport's stars doing something like this? Already this year, various players have used foreign objects and bloodied opponents. Somewhere "The Animal" is smiling.

logical aspect of the sport and could pull the upset. **Prediction:** *Conscience.*

"Jumpin'" Jim Leyland vs. Kevin Gross (special handicap match): Leyland, considered one of the finest managers in the sport, may be in over his head against Gross, who stands 6'4" and enjoys a considerable weight advantage. Leyland has the edge in experience, having defeated the powerful Barry Bonds in a 1992 showdown. Gross is not above using foreign objects such as sandpaper. He needs to score two pins in the 20-minute time limit, while Leyland needs just

one. **Prediction:** *Gross.*

"Rollin'" Nolan Ryan vs. Robin "The Body" Ventura: Ryan, a 46-year-old who has been hampered by injuries and is on the verge of retirement, won the first bout, employing an effective headlock and several closed fists to score the victory. Ventura is a relative newcomer and his inexperience showed when he made a full running charge

at the legend. Ryan, who receives favoritism from arbiters that would make the "Hulkster" proud, also got help in the form of outside interference from his stablemates. Win or lose, this will probably be Ryan's last bout. Look for him to go out a winner. **Prediction:** *Ryan.*

"Stormin'" Norman Charlton vs. Mark Williamson (American League title match): Charlton was stripped of the National League title he won with a clean pin of "Iron" Mike Scioscia in 1990 when he fled the federation for the Pacific Northwest region. He reaffirmed his dominance in May when he

won a bloody 22-minute title match in Baltimore. Williamson is a brave soul, but he is overmatched. **Prediction:** *Charlton.*

"Flyin'" Brian McRae vs. The Texas Rangers (special handicap match): What McRae lacks in size he makes up for in rage, a trait he inherited from father Hal. The elder McRae was one of the toughest hombres around, a true master of the crippling rolling blocks. Earlier this year, he bloodied an over-matched foe (*a la* George Steele) who questioned his strategy. You have to admire "Flyin'" Brian's spirit, but the powerful pythons of Juan Gonzalez, Rafael Palmeiro, and Dean "The Dream" Palmer may be too much for him to handle. "Horrible" Jose Canseco will miss this one with an arm injury but will be on hand to provide analysis and, with any luck, one of his classic interviews. **Prediction:** *The Texas Rangers.*

Keith "The Shepherd" Shepherd vs. "Delicious" Darryl Strawberry (special "I Quit" match): Strawberry was a main-event performer two years ago; a back injury similar to the one suffered by Curt Hennig forced him into semi-retirement. The former champion has never shied away from the spotlight and is back in it again. Shepherd, a former boxer *a la* Johnny B. Badd, is looking to move into title contention with a victory over a big name. He challenged Strawberry earlier this year, and was surprised when the 6'6" "Tower of Power" didn't dodge him. Look for Shepherd to use submission holds on Strawberry's back, while Strawberry will probably attack Shepherd's weakness—his right arm. **Prediction:** *Strawberry.* □

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- 4) Robert Redford

Who portrayed Thunderlips in the film *Rocky III*?

- 1) Hulk Hogan
- 2) Lou Albano
- 3) Jesse Ventura
- 4) Rick Martel

Which of the following wrestlers is "Ravishing"?

- 1) Ron Ritchie
- 2) Dusty Rhodes
- 3) Rick Steamboat
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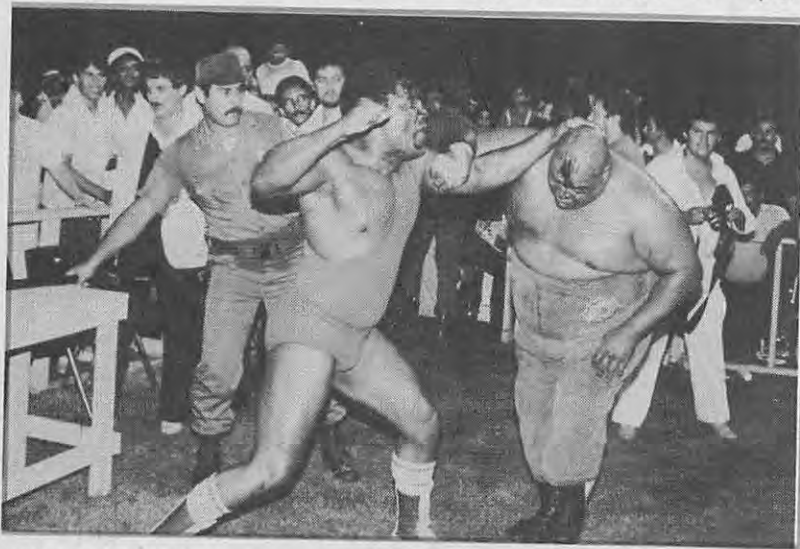
The place is Puerto Rico, and the man is Carlos Colon. "Carlitos," as his fans call him, has retired after a career spanning nearly 30 years. To fans around the world, Colon represents Puerto Rican wrestling. To the fans living on the island, Colon is Puerto Rican wrestling.

"He is a legend," said one fan. "Nothing less."

It came to a close for Colon with an August series of bouts against his most-hated rival, Abdullah the Butcher. Just by looking at photos of matches between them, it's easy to see how brutal and violent their encounters have been. Now it's all over for Colon. The photos will have to suffice.

Though it may seem as if Colon has spent his entire career in Puerto Rico, a glance at his biography proves otherwise. He moved to New York from the island at an early age and trained in a club run by Antonino Rocca. For the first 10 years of his career he competed primarily in North America, winning titles in Canada, Georgia, and in the Southwest. Then he made Puerto Rico his home territory. And now it is to Puerto Rico that he belongs.

"I have always felt a special bond with the people here," Colon reflected. "For someone who doesn't live here, it's hard for me to describe. When I get in the ring and hear all those fans calling my name, I



A bloody Carlos Colon pummels Abdullah the Butcher. Their feud has been legendary in Puerto Rico, but it's also in the past. Colon has decided to retire.

win or lose draw

BY ANDY RODRIGUEZ

Sometimes, they don't even try to win. All they want is blood."

Opponents like Abdullah may not have tried to win, but Colon certainly did. He captured the WWC Universal title so often that even the most attentive recordkeepers have lost track.

"I stopped counting a long time ago myself," Colon admitted. "The number of titles isn't important. What is important is the winning. Every time I won the Universal belt, I felt equally satisfied. I beat many great wrestlers for it, including Ric Flair. Many people forget that."

Flair did indeed once count the Universal title among his trophies. One of Colon's fondest memories is the night he captured the belt from the "Nature Boy" at San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

"Twice before, Flair and I had fought to a one-hour draw," Colon recalled. "I was beginning to doubt if I would ever figure this guy out. He was that good. But I knew I could beat him, and I felt more confident because the third time we had a no-time-limit match."

"As usual, he resorted to cheating," Colon continued, "but most of the time he did wrestle, and when Flair wrestles there is usually no one better. That night I was just a little bit better. When I finally pinned him, it was like a giant burden had been lifted from my shoulders."

At the time, Flair contended that Colon was not being given enough credit by most fans and members of the media.

"He'd be a lot more popular if he wrestled in the States full-time," Flair said. "I'd advise him to travel outside Puerto Rico more, to get his name out there. He rates right up there with the best in the world."

feel like I have to win, for them as well as for myself."

Colon laughs when someone refers to what may be called his trademark: the deep grooves cut into his forehead, a lattice pattern of pain.

"Battle scars," he said. "They're not too pretty, but they are reminders of what it is like to be in the ring against some of the toughest men in the world."

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from Top 61. Fire 62. Fist Drop 63. Flipping Hamstring
Pull 64. Flying Burrito 65. Flying Cradle 66. Flying Drop
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Kick 70. Flying Knee Drop 71. Flying Mare 72. Flying
Scissor Kick 73. Flying Tackle Clothesline 74. Flying
Thrust Kick 75. Forearm Smash 76. Frankensteiner
77. Frontal Legtrip 78. Full Power Slam 79. German
Suplex Hold 80. Giant Swing 81. Gorn Buster
82. Groin Drop on Ropes 83. Groin Punch 84. Guillotine
Drop 85. Gutwrench Suplex from Top 86. Hair Twisting
Face Smash 87. Hammer Throw 88. Handspring Elbow
89. Haymaker 90. Head Scissors 91. Head to Apron
92. Head to Rail 93. Headbutt from Top 94. Headbutt to
Groin 95. Heel to Groin 96. Hook 97. Human Torture
Rack 98. Indian Deathlock 99. Inside to Outside
Bodypress 100. Inverted Atomic Drop 101. Jab
102. Japanese Suplex 103. Jump Kick 104. Jumping
Clothesline 105. Kamikaze Dive 106. Karate Chop from
Top 107. Karate Punch 108. Kidney Punch 109. Knee
Wrencher 110. Knee from Second Rope 111. Knee to
Back from Top 112. Knife Edge 113. Leaping DDT
114. Leg Drop 115. Leg Sweep 116. Leglift 117. Lever-
age Punch 118. Loaded Glove 119. Lowerback Fore-
arm 120. Manager Interference 121. Mexican Roll-up
122. Moepoke 123. Moonsault Press 124. Neck Drop
on Ropes 125. Neckbreaker 126. Nipple Twister 127. Oc-
topus Hold 128. Oklahoma Stampede 129. Oriental
Crossbow 130. Overhead Slam 131. Overshoulder
Power Slam 132. Perfectplex 133. Pinch 134. Polish
Hammer 135. Power Bomb 136. Power Punch 137.
Press Slam 138. Psyche Up Crowd 139. Punch Cam-
eraman 140. Rail Clothesline 141. Ram Headbutt
142. Rapidfire Drop Kicks 143. Rear Drop 144. Reverse
Backbreaker 145. Reverse Chinlock 146. Reverse Drop
Kick 147. Reverse Neckbreaker 148. Reverse Slam
149. Rib-Breaker 150. Rolling Attack 151. Rub Face in
Mat 152. Rope Burn 153. Running Dbl. Axe Handle
154. Running Knee Drop 155. Russian Hammer
156. Russian Sickle 157. Samoan Drop 158. Savate
Kick 159. Scorpion Deathlock 160. Senton from Top
161. Shake Ropes 162. Shinbreaker 163. Shoulder
Block 164. Shoulder Pole Ram 165. Shoulder Tackle
166. Showboating 167. Side Suplex 168. Single Leg
Boston Crab 169. Slap 170. Slide 171. Slingshot Suplex
172. Snake Bite 173. Snap Mare 174. Snap Power Slam
175. Snap Suplex 176. Spinebuster 177. Spinning
Clothesline 178. Spinning Toehold 179. Stair Ram
180. Standing Drop Kick 181. Stepover Toehold
182. Stomach Elbow 183. Stomach Headbutt from Top
184. Stomach Kick 185. Strangle Slam 186. Sucker
Punch 187. Sunset Flip from Top 188. Superplex
189. Surfboard 190. Temple Kick 191. Throat Cross
Chop 192. Throw into Cameraman 193. Throw into
Photographer 194. Throw over Top 195. Thrust Kick
196. Tie into Ropes 197. Tiger Knee 198. Timebell to
Head 199. Tomohawk Chop 200. Top Rope Power
Slam

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Should auld acquaintances be forgot, la, la, la, la, la, la ... Happy New Year, mongoloids. Ring out the old and I say good riddance. 1973 had the lingering bad taste of a country going down the tubes. The trend is disturbing. It's bad enough a war's still going on, but a poll of returning soldiers cited Bruno Sammartino as their favorite wrestler. It's been a rough year and I understand from my underground sources that a new music craze has been sweeping clubs throughout the country ... disco. How much worse can things get? Plenty. Check out this mail.

Dear Eddie,

Who on the horizon do you see succeeding Verne Gagne the day the great man finally steps down?

BRENDA GREER

Fergus Falls, MN

Dear Brenda,

It's hard to imagine anyone combining Gagne's mediocre talent, pathetic pandering, and shameless referee-buying, but there is a young kid out of Texas by the name of Dusty Rhodes whom fans and promoters seem unhealthily drawn to. Having already wrestled into his 80s, a slug like Gagne could easily wrestle into the '80s, given the greatest effort he expends is before the match, when he goes deep into his pockets to grease the officials.

Dear Eddie,

Given the turbulent nature of events in the country, what was the most frustrating thing you've witnessed inside the ring?

PATRICIA ONKARIS

Huntington Beach, CA

Dear Patricia,

The slow count administered to WWF champion Pedro Morales at the expense of His Eminence, Don Leo Jonathan, was the most frustrating event of the year. It appeared Jonathan had accomplished the near-impossible: defeating Morales in New York. After a 45-second Mormon Spin, Don Leo laid Pedro down for a pin. He could have ordered a drink and taken a nap or read a book—or written a book. That's how long Morales was on his back. Kudos to the referee who will forever be remembered for pioneering slow-motion during a live wrestling match.

Dear Eddie,

What was the most outrageous act of 1973? The most courageous?

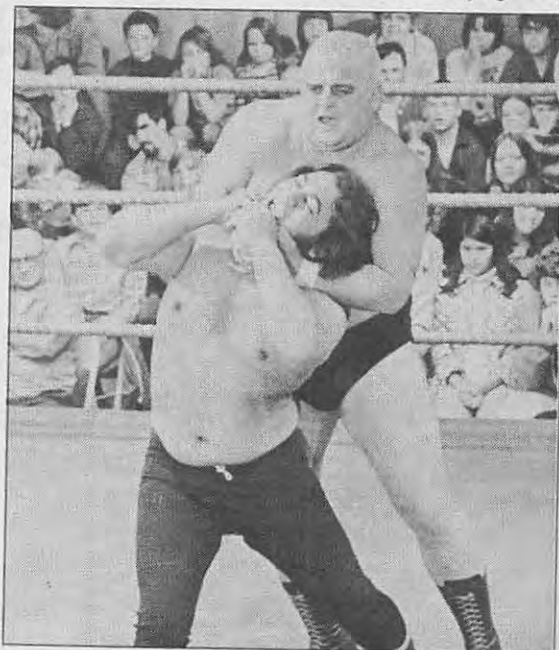
BLAINE GIVENS

Peachtree, GA

Dear Blaine,

The most courageous and outrageous was clearly Lou Albano's challenge to Chief Jay Strong-

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Twenty years ago, the pandering and mediocre "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes (here applying a chinlock against Larry "The Ax" Hennig) was poised to take the place of the aging and equally pathetic Verne Gagne, according to columnist Eddie Ellner.

60 WEAR-DOWN HOLDS

1. AIRPLANE SPIN
2. ARMBAR
3. ARMDRAG
4. ARMLOCK
5. ARM STRETCH
6. ARM WHIP
7. ASIAN SPIKE
8. BEAR HUG
9. BITING
10. BODY SLAM
11. BODY TACKLE
12. CHICKEN WING
13. CHOKE
14. CLAW
15. CLOTHESLINE
16. CROSS BODY BLOCK
17. DOUBLE-AXE HANDLE
18. DROP KICK
19. EAGLE SPLIT
20. ELBOW SMASH
21. EYE GOUGE
22. FACE RAKE
23. FIREMAN'S CARRY RAM
24. FLYING BODY PRESS
25. FLYING CLOTHESLINE
26. FLYING DROP KICK
27. FLYING ELBOW DROP
28. FLYING HEAD BUTT
29. FLYING MARE
30. FOREARM SMASH
31. FOREIGN OBJECT
32. FULL NELSON
33. GIANT SWING
34. GRAPEVINE
35. HAIR PULLING
36. HAMMERLOCK
37. HEAD LOCK
38. HEAD STOMP
39. HEART PUNCH
40. HIP ROLL
41. IRISH WHIP
42. KNEE DROP
43. LEGLOCK
44. MANAGER INTERFERENCE
45. MONKEY FLIP
46. OVERHEAD TOSS
47. POLE RAM
48. REVERSE CHINLOCK
49. ROLLING SCISSORS
50. ROPE BURN
51. SAVATTE KICK
52. SCISSORS GRIP
53. SHOULDER BREAKER
54. SLINGSHOT
55. SNAP MARE
56. STEP-OVER TOE HOLD
57. SUPLEX
58. SURFBOARD
59. TURNBUCKLE SMASH
60. WRISTLOCK

30 SET-UP HOLDS

61. ABDOMINAL STRETCH
62. ATOMIC DROP
63. AVALANCHE
64. BACKBREAKER
65. BACKROLL PRESS
66. BELLY TO BELLY
67. BIG SPLASH
68. BOSTON CRAB
69. BRAIN BUSTER
70. BULLDOG
71. CAMEL CLUTCH
72. COBRA CLUTCH
73. CRADLE
74. CRUCIFIX
75. D.D.T.
76. FIGURE FOUR
77. FLYING LEG DROP
78. GOURD BUSTER
79. INDIAN DEATH LOCK
80. NECKBREAKER
81. PILEDRIVER
82. POWER BOMB
83. POWER SLAM
84. RUSSIAN SICKLE
85. SLEEPER
86. SLINGSHOT SUPLEX
87. SMALL PACKAGE
88. SPINE BUSTER
89. SUNSET FLIP
90. SUPERPLEX

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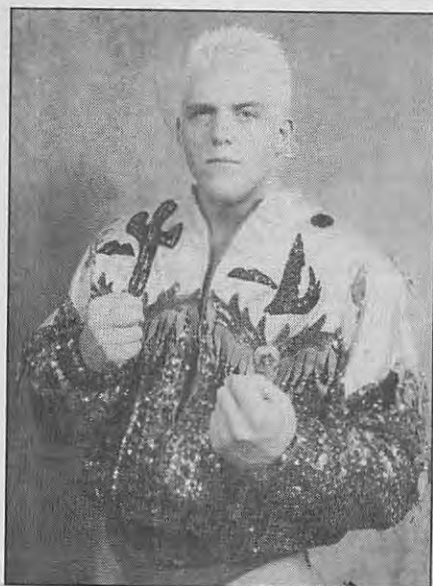
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FINISHING HOLD _____

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PWI's Top 10



Dustin Rhodes

TOP 10

- 1 LEX LUGER**
290, Chicago, IL
(-) No. 2 contender: WWF World title
- 2 YOKOZUNA**
550, Samoa
(2) WWF World champion
- 3 BRET HART**
235, Calgary, Alberta
(3) No. 3 contender: WWF World title
- 4 RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
(1) NWA champion
- 5 BIG VAN VADER**
450, Denver, CO
(4) WCW World champion
- 6 SHAWN MICHAELS**
220, San Antonio, TX
(5) WWF Intercontinental champion
- 7 DUSTIN RHODES**
254, Austin, TX
(-) WCW U.S. champion
- 8 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
(9) No. 5 contender: WCW World title
- 9 DAVEY BOY SMITH**
245, Leeds, England
(8) No. 3 contender: WCW World title
- 10 RICK RUDE**
246, Robbinsdale, MN
(6) No. 1 contender: WCW U.S. title

TAG TEAMS

- 1 RICK & SCOTT STEINER**
Combined weight: 483 pounds
(2) WWF World tag team champions
- 2 ARN ANDERSON & PAUL ROMA**
Combined weight: 484 pounds
(3) WCW World tag team champions
- 3 THE NASTY BOYS**
Combined weight: 585 pounds
(9) No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title
- 4 THE HEAVENLY BODIES**
Combined weight: 450 pounds
(-) No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title
- 5 THE HEADSHRINKERS**
Combined weight: 520 pounds
(-) No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title
- 6 THE BRUISE BROTHERS**
Combined weight: 583 pounds
(7) Smoky Mountain tag team champions
- 7 MONEY INC.**
Combined weight: 492 pounds
(4) No. 3 contenders: WWF World tag title
- 8 2 COLD SCORPIO & MARCUS BAGWELL**
Combined weight: 460 pounds
(8) No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title
- 9 THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS**
Combined weight: 453 pounds
(-) No. 1 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title
- 10 THE DOGCATCHERS**
Combined weight: 460 pounds
(-) USWA tag team champions

WCW

World Champion: BIG VAN VADER

(C) 404, Denver, CO

- 1—RIC FLAIR**
(1) 243, Minneapolis, MN
- 2—RICK STEAMBOAT**
(7) 238, Honolulu, HI
- 3—DAVEY BOY SMITH**
(5) 245, Leeds, England
- 4—RICK RUDE**
(2) 246, Robbinsdale, MN
- 5—STING**
(6) 260, Venice Beach, CA
- 6—DUSTIN RHODES**
(3) 254, Austin, TX
- 7—PAUL ORNDORFF**
(8) 253, Brandon, FL
- 8—SID VICIOUS**
(-) 318, West Memphis, AR
- 9—ERIK WATTS**
(-) 262, Tulsa, OK
- 10—CHARLIE NORRIS**
(-) 285, Red Lake, MN

WWF

World Champion: YOKOZUNA

(C) 505, Samoa

- 1—SHAWN MICHAELS**
(1) 220, San Antonio, TX
- 2—LEX LUGER**
(3) 290, Chicago, IL
- 3—BRET HART**
(2) 235, Calgary, Alberta
- 4—CURT HENNIG**
(6) 240, Minneapolis, MN
- 5—JERRY LAWLER**
(10) 234, Memphis, TN
- 6—RANDY SAVAGE**
(-) 245, Sarasota, FL
- 7—TATANKA**
(9) 260, Miami, FL
- 8—RAZOR RAMON**
(4) 291, Minneapolis, MN
- 9—THE UNDERTAKER**
(5) 320, parts unknown
- 10—IRWIN R. SCHYSTER**
(-) 245, Syracuse, NY

GLOBAL

North American Champion: ROD PRICE

(C) 265, Los Angeles, CA

- 1—ICEMAN PARSONS**
(2) 245, St. Louis, Mo
- 2—CHRIS ADAMS**
(1) 228, Stratford, England
- 3—BLACK BART**
(4) 261, Pampa, TX
- 4—AL PEREZ**
(7) 239, Tampa, FL
- 5—SCOTT PUTSKI**
(-) 235, Austin, TX
- 6—KILLER BROOKS**
(5) 254, Waxahachie, TX
- 7—ANGEL OF DEATH**
(3) 310, Los Angeles, CA
- 8—JOHN TATUM**
(8) 236, Hollywood, CA
- 9—CAPTAIN RON**
(6) 265, Dallas, TX
- 10—JOHN HAWK**
(10) 280, Sweetwater, TX

USWA

Champion: JERRY LAWLER

(C) 234, Memphis, TN

- 1—JEFF JARRETT**
(3) 220, Hendersonville, TN
- 2—VAMPIRE WARRIOR**
(1) 234, parts unknown
- 3—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER**
(2) 230, Memphis, TN
- 4—BRET HART**
(-) 235, Calgary, Alberta
- 5—OWEN HART**
(4) 223, Calgary, Alberta
- 6—CHRIS ADAMS**
(-) 228, Stratford, England
- 7—JEFF GAYLORD**
(6) 280, St. Louis, Mo
- 8—DAN DAVIS**
(5) 218, Nashville, TN
- 9—COLIN SCOTTS**
(8) 250, Sydney, Australia
- 10—J.C. ICE**
(-) 180, Nashville, TN

OFFICIAL RATINGS

Top 10 and Tag Team ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and inherent skill of each wrestler or team. These ratings are compiled by the magazine's editorial board. Most Popular and Most Hated ratings are based on nationwide telephone and arena surveys of wrestling fans and on the volume and character of mail that comes to our offices. All other ratings are based on the official current positions of challengers to the top title in each category; certain titleholders receive an automatic spot in the ratings. The number in parentheses indicates a wrestler's position in that category last issue; (-) indicates that the wrestler was not rated in that category last issue, while (C) indicates the wrestler was champion in that category last issue.

MOST POPULAR

- 1 LEX LUGER**
290, Chicago, IL
Last issue: No. 1 Most Popular
- 2 RANDY SAVAGE**
245, Sarasota, FL
Last issue: No. 5 Most Popular
- 3 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
Last issue: No. 2 Most Popular
- 4 RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
Last issue: No. 4 Most Popular
- 5 THE KID**
201, Tampa, FL
Last issue: No. 8 Most Popular
- 6 BRET HART**
235, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: unrated
- 7 DAVEY BOY SMITH**
245, Leeds, England
Last issue: unrated
- 8 TATANKA**
260, Miami, FL
Last issue: No. 6 Most Popular
- 9 DUSTIN RHODES**
254, Austin, TX
Last issue: No. 7 Most Popular
- 10 JERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
Last issue: No. 10 Most Hated

MOST HATED

- 1 EERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
Last issue: No. 10 Most Hated
- 2 BIG VAN VADER**
404, Denver, CO
Last issue: No. 2 Most Hated
- 3 YOKOZUNA**
505, Samoa
Last issue: No. 1 Most Hated
- 4 SHAWN MICHAELS**
220, San Antonio, TX
Last issue: No. 3 Most Hated
- 5 RICK RUDE**
246, Robbinsdale, MN
Last issue: No. 4 Most Hated
- 6 SID VICIOUS**
318, West Memphis, AR
Last issue: No. 7 Most Hated
- 7 BRIAN LEE**
251, Los Angeles, CA
Last issue: No. 8 Most Hated
- 8 BRIAN CHRISTOPHER**
230, Memphis, TN
Last issue: No. 9 Most Hated
- 9 EDDIE GILBERT**
222, Lexington, KY
Last issue: unrated
- 10 BRET HART**
235, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: unrated

For period ended September 1, 1993

CUMULATIVE RATINGS

These ratings are based on the past 10 issues of this magazine. We have examined our ratings for each of these issues in our Top 10 and Tag Team categories only, and assigned each position a point value: 10 points for a first-place rating, nine for second place, and so on. The point values for all wrestlers in the past 10 issues have been compiled, with a possible maximum of 100 points. Each issue we'll present the top five finishers in each category. While our regular ratings reflect the past month, these cumulative ratings give an indication of wider trends in the sport.

SINGLES

- 1—BRET HART.....74 points
- 2—BIG VAN VADER.....63 points
- 3—SHAWN MICHAELS.....48 points
- 4—STING.....39 points
- 5—RICK RUDE.....30 points

TAG TEAMS

- 1—MONEY INC.....77 points
- 2—THE HOLLYWOOD BLONDS.....58 points
- 3—RICK STEAMBOAT & SHANE DOUGLAS.....57 points
- 4—RICK & SCOTT STEINER.....47 points
- 5—THE HEADSHRINKERS.....39 points

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

Smoky Mountain Champion:

BRIAN LEE

(C) 251, Los Angeles, CA

- 1—TONY ANTHONY**
(1) 235, Bucksport, TN
- 2—BIG BOSSMAN**
(-) 310, Cobb County, GA
- 3—TIM HORNER**
(3) 235, Morristown, TN
- 4—CHRIS CANDIDO**
(4) 226, Carteret, NJ
- 5—JIM DEL RAY**
(9) 234, Kingsport, TN
- 6—TOM PRICHARD**
(5) 220, Houston, TX
- 7—STEVE ARMSTRONG**
(7) 224, Marietta, GA
- 8—ROBERT GIBSON**
(-) 225, Pensacola, FL
- 9—BOBBY BLAZE**
(10) 231, Ashland, KY
- 10—SCOTT ARMSTRONG**
(6) 212, Marietta, GA

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IWCCW Champion:

TITLE VACANT

(C) To be determined in tourney

- 1—HERCULES**
(2) 255, Tampa, FL
- 2—GREG VALENTINE**
(1) 243, Seattle, WA
- 3—TONY ATLAS**
(4) 247, Roanoke, VA
- 4—KOKO B. WARE**
(3) 229, Union City, TN
- 5—KENDALL WINDHAM**
(6) 220, Sweetwater, TX
- 6—JOE SAVOLDI**
(5) 220, Parsippany, NJ
- 7—TASMANIAC**
(8) 232, Tasmania
- 8—LANCE VON ERICH**
(7) 260, Arlington, TX
- 9—TOMMY DREAMER**
(10) 245, Yonkers, NY
- 10—JOHNNY WILDSIDE**
(9) 285, parts unknown

ECW: ECW Champion—Tito Santana; 1—Jimmy Snuka; 2—Don Muraco; 3—Eddie Gilbert; 4—Stan Hansen; 5—Terry Funk; 6—Hawk; 7—Abdullah the Butcher; 8—Shane Douglas; 9—Dark Patriot; 10—J.T. Smith.

ICWA: ICWA Champion—Cuban Assassin; 1—Frankie Rose; 2—Surgeon General; 3—Billy Mack; 4—Bill Payne; 5—Lord Of Discipline; 6—Frankie Reyes; 7—Rico Fredrico; 8—Dr. G; 9—Death Dealer; 10—Jeff Bradley.

PWA: PWA Champion—The Hater; 1—Tommy Ferrara; 2—Hawk; 3—Eddie Gilbert; 4—Billy Blaze; 5—Ricky Rice; 6—Masked Jungle Fighter; 7—Brad Rheingans; 8—Derrick Dukes; 9—The Chosen One; 10—J.B. Trask.

PWF: PWF Champion—Italian Stallion; 1—George South; 2—Terry Austin; 3—Cruel Connection II; 4—Scotty McKeever; 5—Russian Assassin I; 6—Flaming Youth; 7—Star Ryder; 8—Killdozer; 9—Super Brat; 10—Scotty Hot Body.

SOUTHERN STATES WRESTLING: SSW Champion—Wayne Rogers; 1—Jimmy Golden; 2—G. Q. Stratus; 3—Mike Samson; 4—The Mongolian Stomper; 5—Eddie Golden; 6—Alex Shane; 7—Keith Hart; 8—Skyfire; 9—Danny Christian; 10—Billy Marshall.

USA: USA TV Champion—Col. DeBeers; 1—Silver Shadow; 2—Ryuma Go; 3—Jesse Barr; 4—Bruiser Brian; 5—Lou Andrews; 6—Sumito; 7—Dirty White Boy; 8—Karl Pope; 9—Dane Rush; 10—Jimmy Snuka.

WWA: WWA Champion—The Spider; 1—Shasheem; 2—Chris Evans; 3—Ed the Razor; 4—Chris Candido; 5—Bobby Salsa; 6—Boy Gone Bad; 7—Barry Hardy; 8—Duane Gill; 9—Scott Vida; 10—Abdulla Singh.

WWC: WWC Universal Champion—Greg Valentine; 1—Invader I; 2—Abdullah the Butcher; 3—Ricky Santana; 4—Ray Gonzales; 5—John Savage; 6—The Barbarian; 7—Dusty Wolfe; 8—La Ley; 9—El Bronco; 10—Mohammed Hussein.

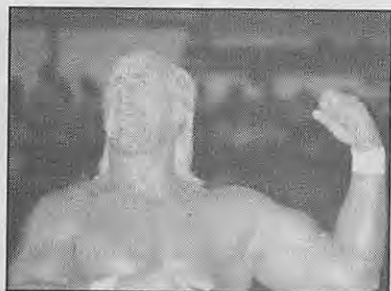
RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 20 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Popular or hated: Make up your mind! We receive a lot of mail about our Most Popular and Most Hated ratings. As we explain in our ratings section, we base these rankings mainly on the heavy volume of mail we receive at our offices. Usually such rankings aren't that difficult to compile; wrestlers like **Hulk Hogan** and **Sting** will seemingly always have a special place in fans' hearts. Rulebreakers such as **Rick Rude** and **Yokozuna** will always hear the jeers.

But occasionally a wrestler or two will have a sudden change in attitude that forces us to make judgments.

Lex Luger, for instance, was a despised rulebreaker in the WWF until July 4 of this year. That's when he felt the fires of patriotism burning within him and bodyslammed the hated **Yokozuna** aboard the



Hulk Hogan

U.S.S. Intrepid. In doing so he won much of America's heart.

Or take the case of Smoky Mountain's **Brian Lee**. He was among that federation's most popular stars until he suddenly sneak-attacked the equally popular **Tracey Smothers**. Now most SMW fans can't stand the ornery "Prime Time."

Because our magazines operate under strict deadlines, we had to judge Luger's newfound popularity and fan contempt for Lee essentially on reaction they got in arenas immediately after their "changes of heart." You simply couldn't get your letters here fast enough!

Many readers have written with other opinions about our Most Popular and Most Hated categories.

Struan Mackenzie of Edinburgh, Scotland, thinks these rankings could be compiled better. *One can qualify, seemingly, for the most popular category only if he is a fan favorite. But Sid Vicious and Big Van Vader are two of the most popular wrestlers on the circuit today.*

Marty Klestadt of Houston, Texas, used a computer program to determine the most loyal rulebreakers and fan

favorites, as well as the wrestlers most likely to suffer personality changes. His list of loyal fan favorites came out as follows: **Bob Backlund**, **Rick Steamboat**, **Jushin Liger**, **Bret Hart**, **Tom Zenk**, **Davey Boy Smith**, **Scott Steiner**, **Jeff Jarrett**, **Hulk Hogan**, and **Owen Hart**.

Klestadt's loyal rulebreakers: **Stan Hansen**, **Rick Martel**, **Rick Rude**, **Ted DiBiase**, **Big Van Vader**, **Greg Valentine**, **The Mountie**, **Bobby Eaton**, **Tony Anthony**, and **Shawn Michaels**.

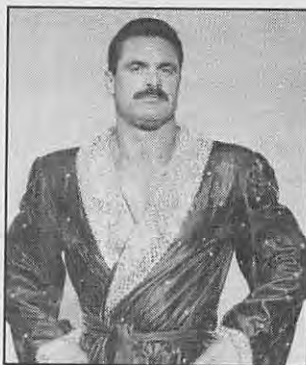
And, finally, his most changeable grapplers: **Lex Luger**, **Brian Christopher**, **Earthquake**, **The Undertaker**, **Nikita Koloff**, **Eddie Gilbert**, **Terry Gordy**, **Brian Pillman**, **Arn Anderson**, and **Terry Taylor**.

The methods used in this study may not be scientific, but the results are certainly interesting.

More world title stuff! When we asked you if you thought a third belt deserved world title status alongside WCW and the WWF, we never thought we'd get as much mail as we did. A few more opinions:

I think the IWGP should be considered, wrote Tom Flesher of Tonawanda, New York. *Some of America's best wrestlers compete there. It has quite a roster, including Scott Norton, The Hellraisers, The Great Muta, and Masahiro Saito. America's most patriotic wrestler, Hulk Hogan, has even expressed desire for the IWGP title.*

None of the American-based federations deserve world title recognition, wrote Greg Link of Kettering, Ohio. *Making a once-a-year trip to Japan to defend a title against a Japanese superstar is good, but Japan and America are not the world.*



Rick Rude

Keep sending those letters. How do you feel about our Most Popular and Most Hated ratings? How about any of our other categories? We want to know. Write to: "Ratings Analysis," c/o PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, Box 956, Fort Washington, PA 19034. □

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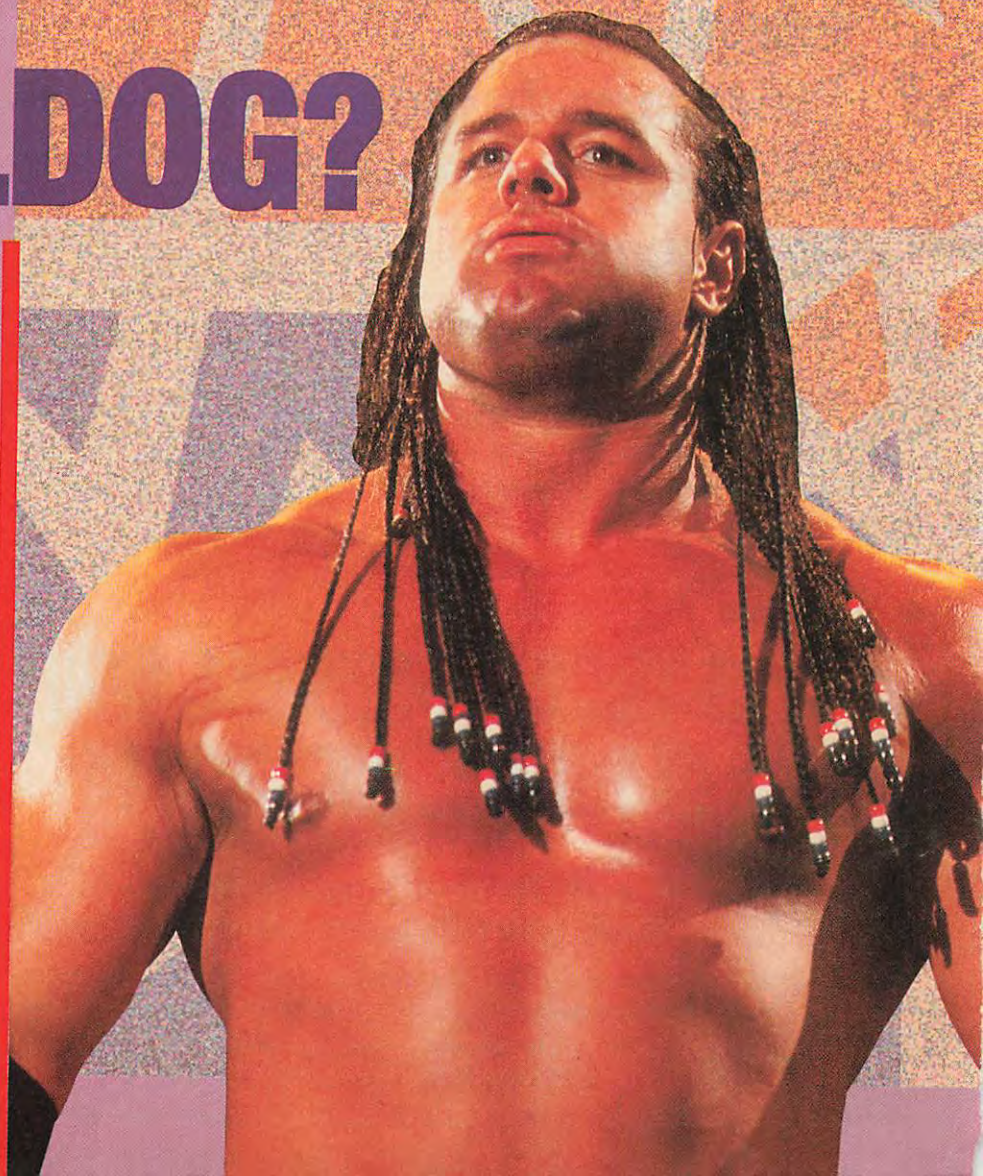


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IT CAN'T ARE U.K. FANS TURNING AGAINST THE BRITISH BULLDOG?

British fans hoped that when Davey Boy Smith joined WCW, he would equal or surpass his WWF success.

It hasn't happened yet, and their support for the "Bulldog" is beginning to waver



BETRUE!

By V.J. Paterno

BRITISH SPORTS FANS are among the most avid around; watch an English League soccer game for proof. They even support imported sports like American football, and we see their love for tennis every summer at Wimbledon.

Unfortunately, the British give a lot more than

doubt is cropping up among U.K. wrestling fans. It's been a year since Leeds native Davey Boy Smith defeated Bret Hart to win the WWF Intercontinental title at SummerSlam '92. The triumph was that much sweeter since it came at famed Wembley Stadium, where England won the World Cup in 1966.

Much has changed since that August night in London. Smith lost the I-C title two months later to Shawn Michaels, then left the WWF for WCW. The "British Bulldog" announced the move in front of CNN's London office, another part of Ted Turner's empire. British fans glowed at the thought of Smith soon wearing the WCW World title belt.

Months have passed, and Smith still has no title to his name. He's had his moments in the federation, like the night he pinned Big Van Vader at Beach Blast to help him and Sting conquer Vader and Sid Vicious. He's become a solid WCW wrestler, one of its elite.

Yet there's no belt, and that's what's making British fans nervous on the eve of Smith's return to native soil on a WCW tour.

"I'm disappointed in Davey Boy," said Martha Harrison of Birmingham. "Sure, the WCW talent pool is deep, but he's so smart, and strong, and talented. He was able to beat Bret Hart, who's maybe the finest wrestler in the world, but he can't do the same against Vader?"

She shook her head, kicked her heel in frustration against the sofa, and resumed watching Josie Lawrence and Ryan Stiles cavort on Channel Four's popular improvisational comedy show, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* "I'm almost to the point where I may root

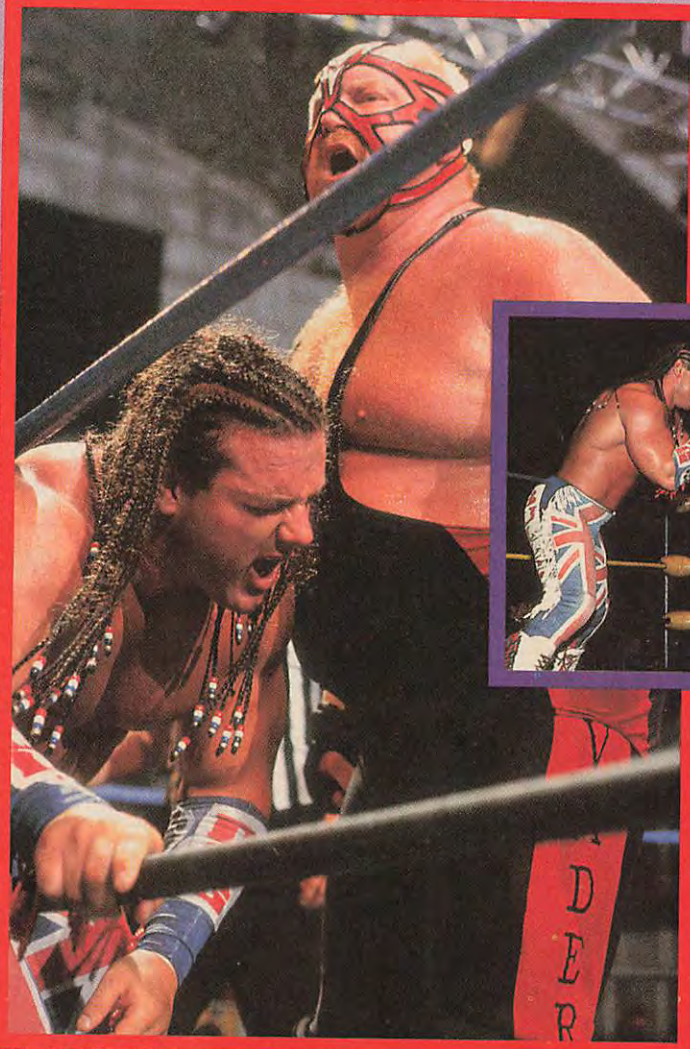


they get back. Until boxer Lennox Lewis won a share of the heavyweight title, the U.K. public was frustrated for decades by promising fighters who got out when the going got tough. This summer, the U.S. national soccer team beat England for the first time in 43 years, and the British press nearly hung its coaches and players. Not in effigy, either.

So you can understand why this same element of

Davey Boy Smith engages fellow WCW star Rick Rude in a test of strength (above), then struggles to withstand a Rude sleeperhold (right). Smith has held his own against everyone he has faced in WCW, but fickle U.K. fans expect more than good matches. They want to see a championship belt strapped around the Leeds native's waist.





Big Van Vader has the ability to hurt any opponent he steps into the ring with, including the "British Bulldog." Smith, however, pinned the behemoth power-bomber in a tag team match at Beach Blast. Fans think he is one of the few men capable of wrestling the WCW World title from Vader.

jersey of the now-defunct World League of American Football's London Monarchs.



Jeremy Blackmon questioned Smith's strategy while riding on the London Underground. "Why did he have to team up with Sting?" he asked. "Why is tag team work suddenly such a high priority to him again? He did all of that with Dynamite Kid several years ago. Singles wrestl-

Smith keeps Lord Steven Regal at bay on the mat with a wristlock. It's preposterous to think U.K. fans would desert Davey Boy and jump on the pompous and less-talented Regal's bandwagon, but if Smith doesn't beat Vader soon, some might get that desperate.

ing is where the glamour is. I mean, tell me: Who won the doubles at Wimbledon this year?"

Silence.

"I rest my case," he said with a smile before getting off at Knightsbridge.

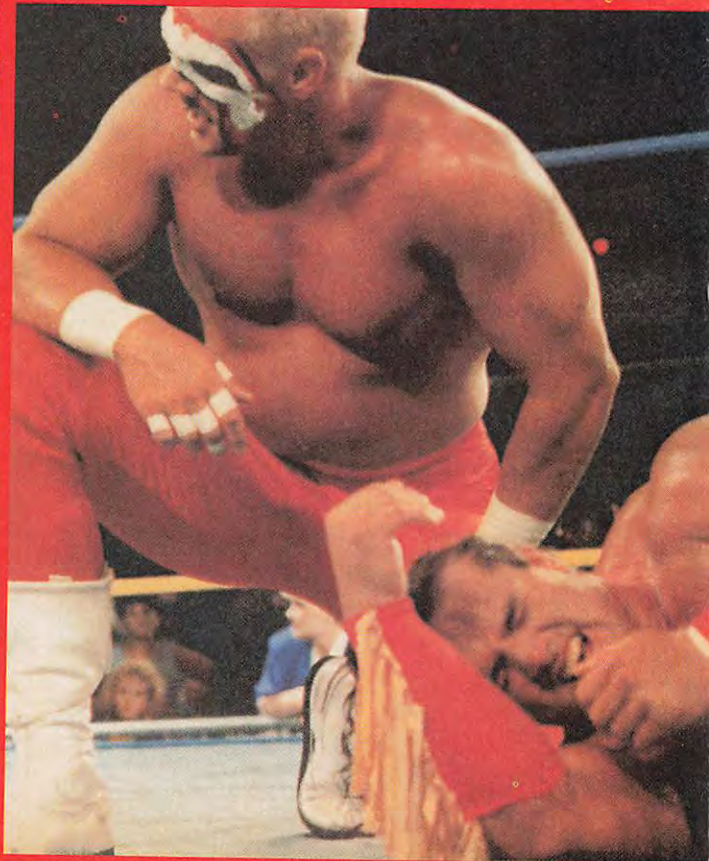
for Lord Steven Regal—and I'm no fan of the aristocracy."

No doubt that news will please Regal, who says he's on a mission from the Queen to win the WCW TV title. Relatively small potatoes, to be sure, but these days any kind of triumph would please British rooters.

Al McOwen of Croydon is equally miffed. "As far as I'm concerned, Davey Boy Smith is simply the Frank Bruno of wrestling," he said of the popular British boxer who was pummeled by Mike Tyson in 1989 and was scheduled to fight for Lewis' WBC title at press time. "Teases us, then fails to deliver. I certainly hope the bloke is satisfied. We're not."

Fiona Bromley of Bristol saw Smith wrestle on the spring WCW tour. "I know he needed time to get acclimated to the new opponents, figure out their styles and how to attack them. So we fans were patient, understanding," she said while relaxing in a neighborhood pub. "But you've got to produce, Bulldog. And you've got to do it soon. We're tired of Americans dominating!"

Ironically, she was wearing a blue, red, and gold



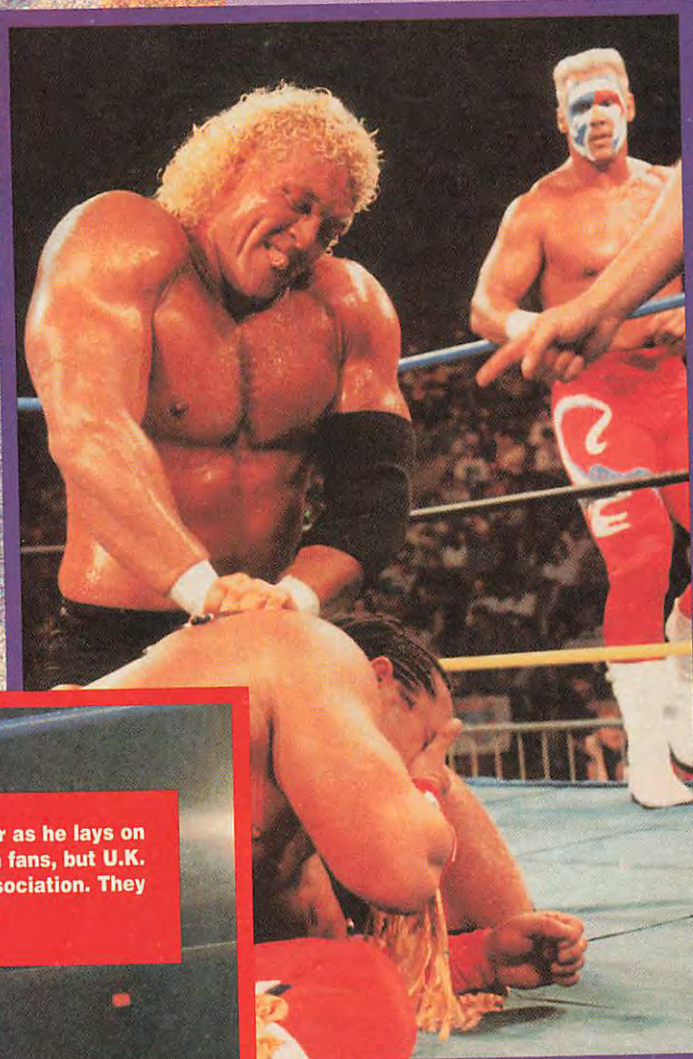


The "British Bulldog" bodyblocks Sid Vicious (above), but later feels the pain himself as Vicious digs his fingers into his trapezius muscles (right). Though he's not as big as wrestlers like Vicious and Vader, Smith has the strength to match and knowledge to beat them.

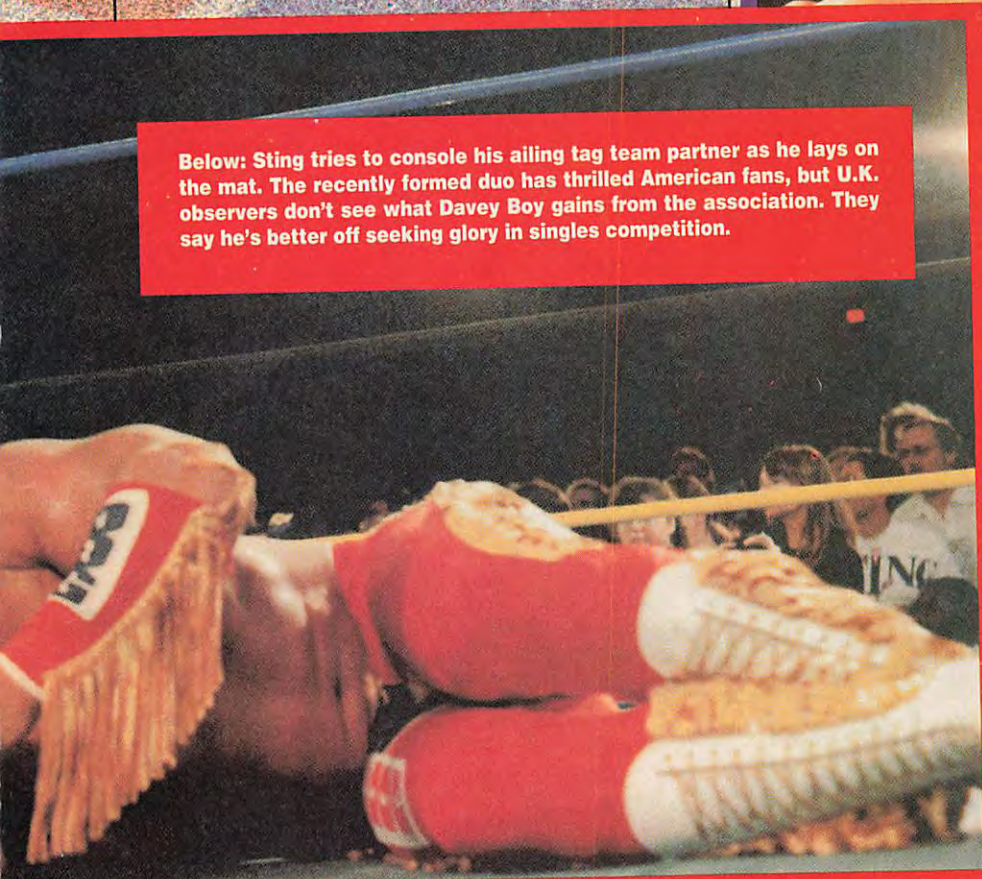
Jeannette Wallace of Manchester said she's rooted for the "Bulldog" for years, but is losing interest fast. "I'm sure WCW believed he would help them in England and Europe, and he has for now. But he's got to be champion eventually, or else we're going to turn away. A Davey Boy who merely contends simply isn't going to excite us."

But British fans should be careful not to underestimate Vader, who is pound for pound the world's toughest wrestler, with agility and aerial skills virtually unseen in competitors of his size. They probably don't realize that Smith may be one of the only men in WCW—possibly in any federation—who can defeat Vader. And they have to be patient.

"I'm keeping the faith," said Wolverhampton's Nigel Lansford, who claims to have never missed *WCW Worldwide* on the ITV network. "Vader is so



Below: Sting tries to console his ailing tag team partner as he lays on the mat. The recently formed duo has thrilled American fans, but U.K. observers don't see what Davey Boy gains from the association. They say he's better off seeking glory in singles competition.



good, so tough, but he won't last forever—who does? Davey Boy's time will come. I'd love for it to be here in England, because it would be even more special than his Intercontinental triumph."

It better come soon. Britain's sports fans, their cynicism amplified by decades of failure, are beginning to jump ship. ■

EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS

LEX LUGER CONQUERS



JUST A FEW months ago, when Lex Luger stared into one of his many mirrors, all he saw was a talented athlete. A wrestler with a terrific physique, tons of natural ability, a smug look on his face, and the attitude to match. A narcissist.

These days he sees the larger picture when he looks into those very same mirrors. He sees a man with a purpose, an athlete turned flag-waving patriot. A man with the power to send a positive message to today's youth, someone who can make a difference. A role model.

The transformation became com-

Pride in America is one thing the Lex Luger has preached to children and adults alike on his cross-country "Call To Action" campaign. Here Lex, decked out in a pair of star-spangled workout pants, assists one young man in holding up Old Glory in all its splendor.

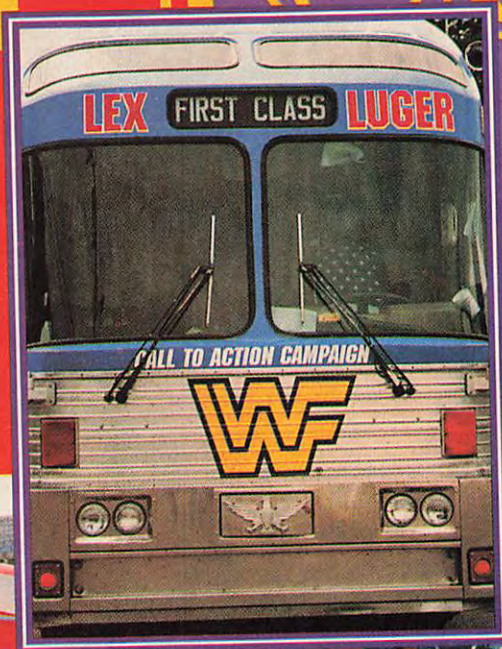
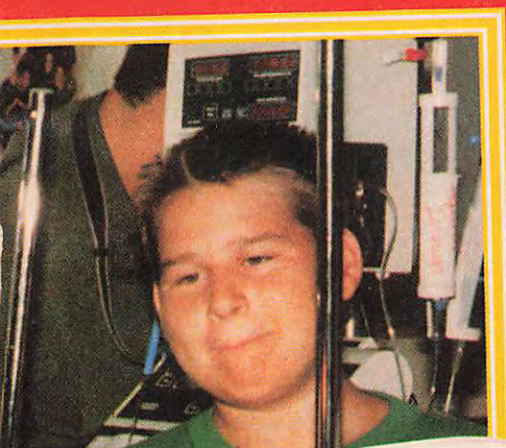
plete on July 4. Incensed by WWF World champion Yokozuna's slandering of America, Luger accepted the sumo giant's challenge issued to all American athletes and bodyslammed him aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid.

Since then, instead of spending most of his time inside the ring, Luger embarked on a cross-country "Call To Action" bus tour in which he's traveled to cities throughout the nation. He's met fans, shaken hands, signed autographs, and visited a lot of sick but appreciative children, spreading his own personal message of inspiration. The kids seem more important to him than any wrestling match.

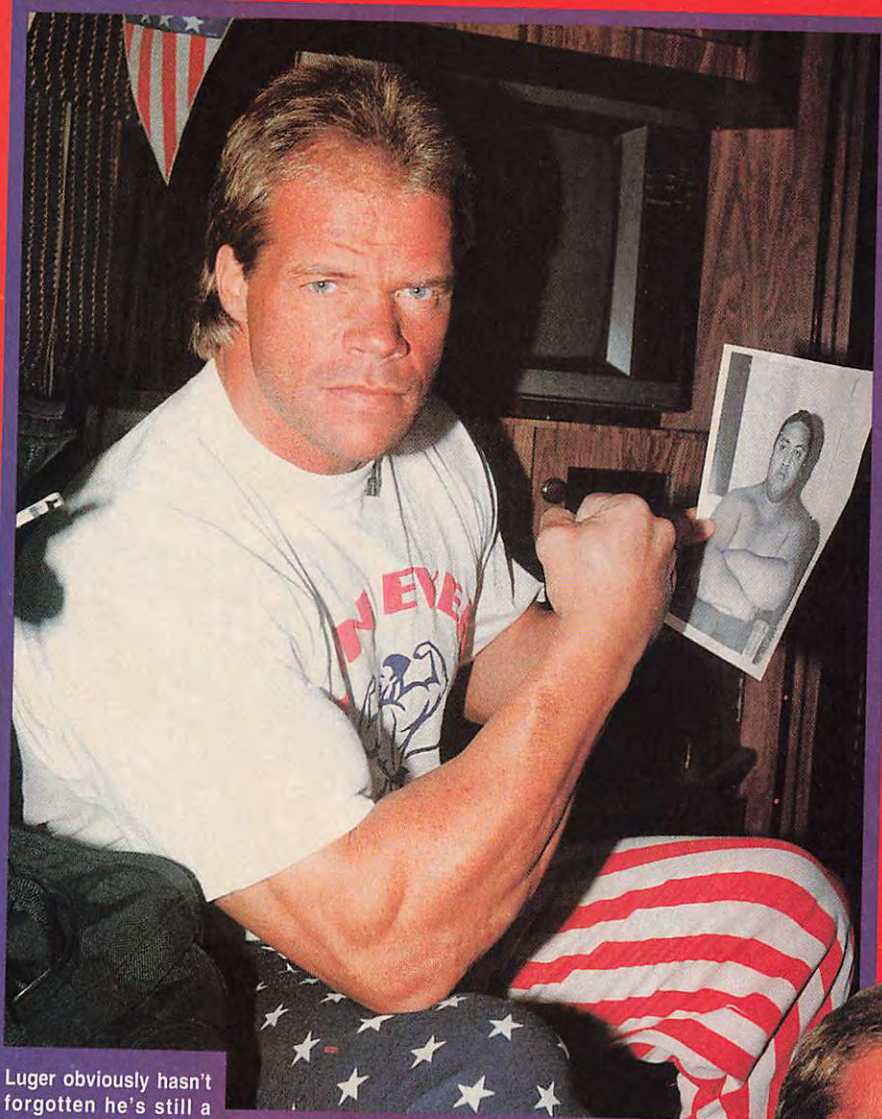
He's attracted so much attention that not only do his fans want a piece of him, but so also do politicians and celebrities. He's been a guest on radio programs and even hobnobbed



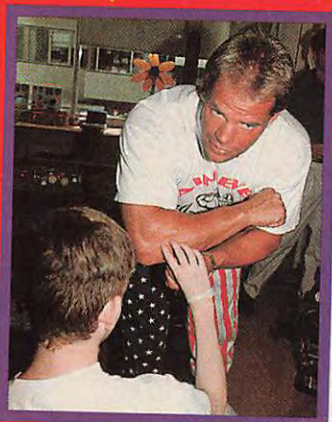
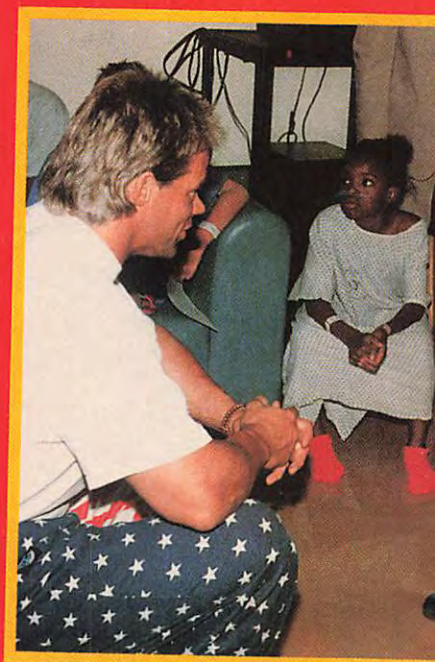
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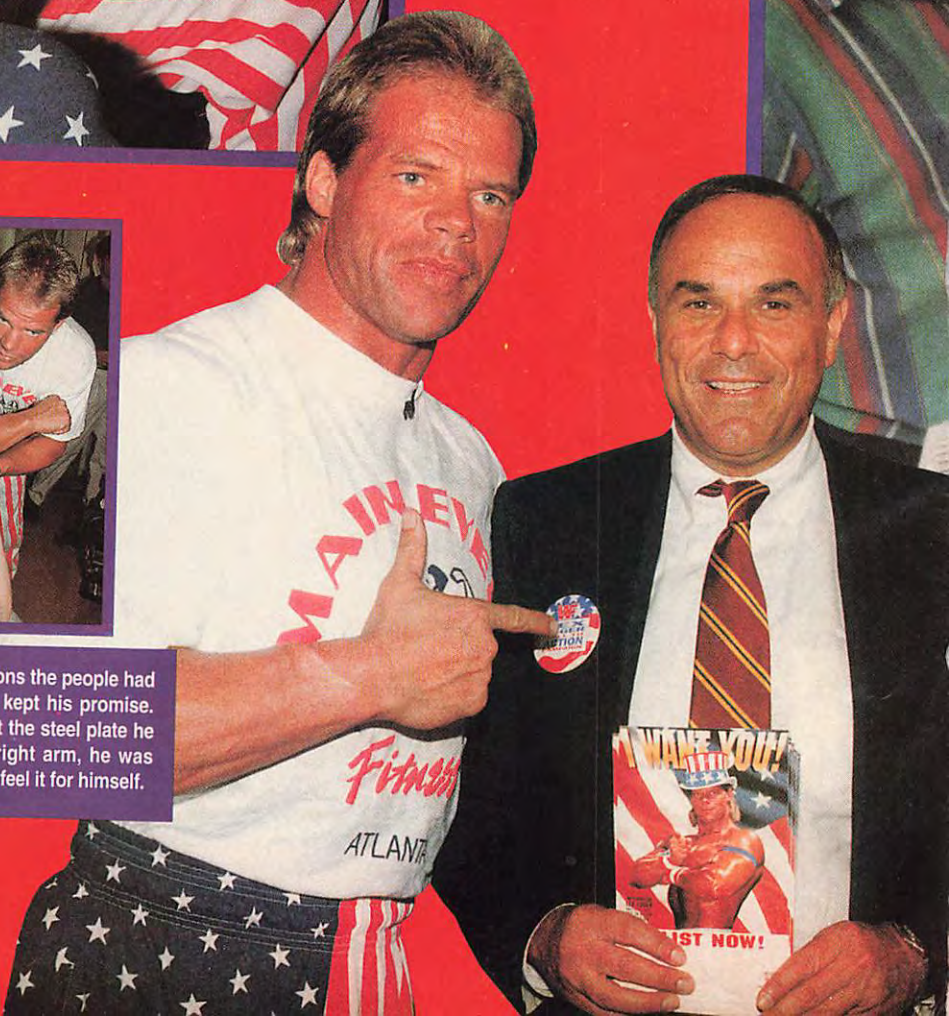
The "Lex Express" in all its pageantry. It'd be hard for Luger to make a quick, inconspicuous getaway in this red, white, and blue vehicle. But that's okay with him. On this tour, the more people who saw him and his bus and heard his message, the happier Lex was.

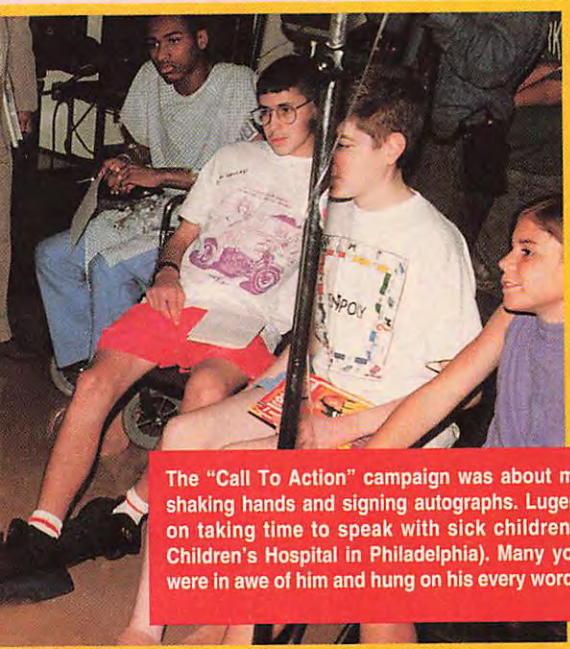


Luger obviously hasn't forgotten he's still a wrestler—or who was responsible for rekindling his patriotism. When Lex needed a little added inspiration, he simply retreated to the bus and pulled out a picture of hated Samoan Yokozuna.



Lex said he'd answer any questions the people had for him during the tour, and he kept his promise. When one child asked him about the steel plate he had surgically inserted in his right arm, he was happy to allow the young man to feel it for himself.





The "Call To Action" campaign was about more than shaking hands and signing autographs. Luger insisted on taking time to speak with sick children (here at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia). Many youngsters were in awe of him and hung on his every word.

for a few minutes with Mr. Philbin and company on *Live! With Regis And Kathie Lee*.

It is indeed a new, improved Luger. He still has the same magnificent build and he can still be cocky in the ring.

But now he isn't satisfied to talk only about himself. If he's obsessed with anything it's with doing good by the children who stand there beaming and proudly waving their tiny American flags as they wait for their opportunity to talk to him.

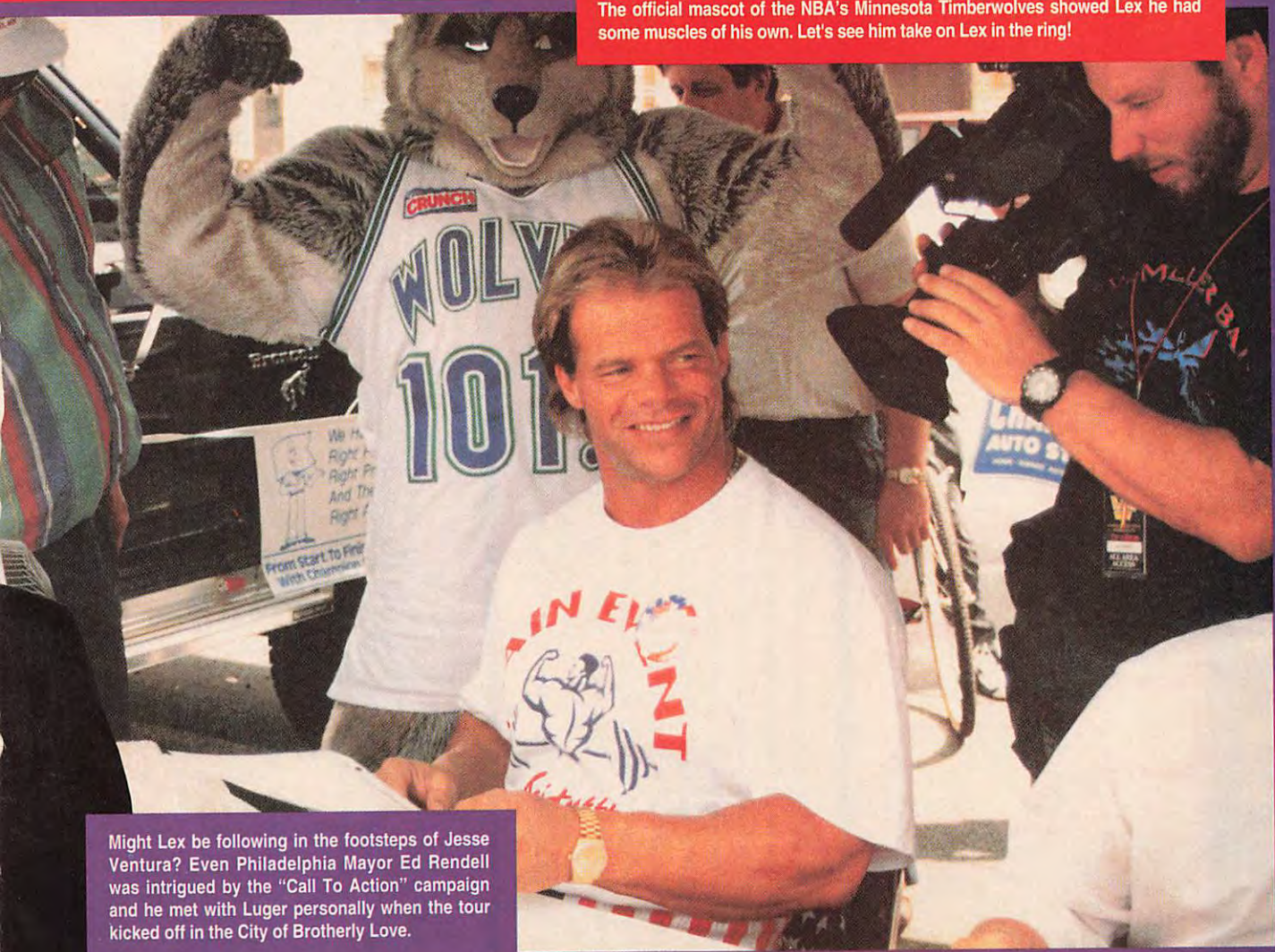
"It's great to see what Lex is doing these days," said *PWI* Senior Editor Bill Apter, who has known Luger for years.

"The man's won a lot of titles in his day, but I've always thought that he was capable of doing a lot more. And I always sensed that deep down, Lex felt the same way.

"He's finally found a path in life to follow, and he really seems comfortable with what he's done on his tour. It's like he was born to do this kind of stuff."

Conquering the colossal Yokozuna is one thing. But Lex Luger seems even more focused on conquering America and winning the nation's heart. And America loves him for it.

Has the WWF gone to the dogs—or even the wolves? While Luger was visiting and signing autographs in Minneapolis, he got a visitor of the canine variety. The official mascot of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves showed Lex he had some muscles of his own. Let's see him take on Lex in the ring!



Might Lex be following in the footsteps of Jesse Ventura? Even Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell was intrigued by the "Call To Action" campaign and he met with Luger personally when the tour kicked off in the City of Brotherly Love.

PWI 500

A Comprehensive Listing Of The Top 500 Wrestlers

For the third consecutive year, *PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED* is proud to present the "PWI 500," the most comprehensive listing of wrestlers you'll find anywhere. It's a must-have for any serious mat fan, a reference you'll want to use again and again.

Always thorough, always controversial, the "PWI 500" lists all the major stars of WCW, the WWF, and an array of North American independents. It also includes foreign wrestlers who have recently competed on this continent or have great reputations here.

"It's an intriguing list this year," said Managing Editor V.J. Paterno, who coordinated the project along with Senior Editor Bill Apter. "The WWF and WCW dominate the upper regions of the list, as you might expect, but the independents are coming on strong. USWA, Smoky Mountain, ECW, and other federations are well-repre-

sented here. Add the many Japanese and Caribbean wrestlers, plus a number of respected, still-competitive veterans, and you have arguably the strongest roster since the 500 began in 1991."

There are also many newcomers to the list, including one making a special kind of history. We won't give away the surprise; read on and find out for yourself.

[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 1992 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 1992 but not in 1993, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500," follows the listing.]

1. BRET HART (5'11", 235, 17, 5) Premier technical wrestler ... Lost WWF World title to Yokozuna at WrestleMania IX ... Won "King Of The Ring" tourney, then feuded with Jerry Lawler ... Can beat any opponent, any style.

2. BIG VAN VADER (6'5", 404, 8, 15) WCW World champ is year's most powerful wrestler ... Brutalized Cactus Jack, and had 1993's best move with moonsault at Beach Blast ... Amazingly agile ... Never beloved, yet must be appreciated.

8. RICK RUDE (6'4", 246, 10, 4) Stripped of U.S. belt after injury, igniting long feud with Dustin Rhodes ... Master of "Rude awakening" neck-breaker is among wrestling's elite when healthy ... Still thinks he's God's gift to women.

9. CURT HENNIG (6'3", 235, 13, 28) Successfully returned to action after back injury ... "Mr. Perfect" dropped tough semifinal to Bret Hart at "King Of The Ring" tournament ... Former two-time Intercontinental and AWA champion ... Perennial contender.

15. DAVEY BOY SMITH (5'9", 245, 16, 30) Ex-WWF Intercontinental champ moved to WCW, remained successful ... "British Bulldog" may be only WCW star capable of dethroning World champ Big Van Vader ... Occasionally teams with Sting ... Superb powerslam.

16. RICK STEINER (5'11", 248, 9, 11) "Dogfaced Gremlin" and brother Scott completed tag team hat trick—IWGP, WCW, and now WWF ... Has the sport's best clothesline ... Enthusiastic, unpredictable ... Is nearly as effective a singles wrestler.

22. JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 200, 8, 26) Won fifth USWA Southern title, defeating arch-rival Brian Christopher ... A classic wrestler with aerial skills who regularly beats far larger foes ... Needs more inter federation matches to earn national attention.

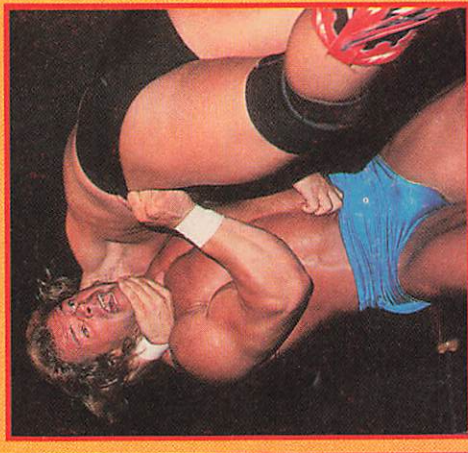
23. STEVE AUSTIN (6'2", 241, 4, 10) Sublimated considerable solo skills to join Brian Pillman on Hollywood Blonds, WCW's elite tag team ... Former WCW TV champ ... Among wrestling's wildest competitors ... 1990 PWI Rookie of the Year.

3. SHAWN MICHAELS (6', 220, 10, 16) "Boy Toy" dominated WWF Intercontinental scene, aside from three-week deposit by Marty Jannetty ... Reckless rulebreaker, despite relatively small size ... Speedy, scientific ... Knee injuries have limited his aerial skills.

4. STING (6'2", 260, 7, 1) Briefly WCW World champ for third time during European tour, but singles career is seemingly slipping slightly ... Formed quality tag team with Davey Boy Smith ... Remains WCW's most popular star.

5. YOKOZUNA (6'4", 550, 9, NL) Surprisingly won 1993 Royal Rumble; twice captured WWF World title ... Mr. Fuji manages powerful, but plodding, Samoan, while Jim Cornette is his business adviser ... Survived Hulk Hogan's legdrop-pin combination.

6. RIC FLAIR (6'1", 243, 20, 3) Left WWF after losing to Curt Hennig ... After four-month lay-off, "Nature Boy" beat Barry Windham for NWA title ... Remains unrivaled in ring psychology ... The legend keeps rolling along.



7. LEX LUGER (6'5", 290, 8, NL) Had bizarre year ... Ex-WCW World champ joined the WWF as rulebreaking "Narcissist," became patriotic fan favorite after bodyslamming Yokozuna on July 4 ... Fully recovered from motorcycle accident ... Powerfully conditioned.

10. SCOTT STEINER (6'1", 235, 8, 8) Perseverance paid off when he and brother Rick finally defeated cowardly Money Inc. for WWF World tag team title ... Originated the crushing "Frankensteiner" finishing move ... Splendid all-around skills.

11. BARRY WINDHAM (6'5", 263, 13, 13) Won NWA belt from The Great Muta, then lost it to Ric Flair at Beach Blast ... Excellent suplex and clawhold ... "Lone Wolf's" career in limbo due to knee injury.



12. DUSTIN RHODES (6'5", 254, 5, 36) Beat Rick Steamboat to win U.S. title tourney ... Feuded with Rick Rude when belt was held up; they fought to 30-minute Ironman draw ... Not just Dusty's son anymore.

13. MARTY JANNETTY (5'11", 230, 9, 85) Upset Intercontinental champ and ex-Rockers teammate Shawn Michaels in one of year's highlights ... Later relinquished title and dropped controversial rematch on WWF *Monday Night Raw* ... Ring-savvy fan favorite.

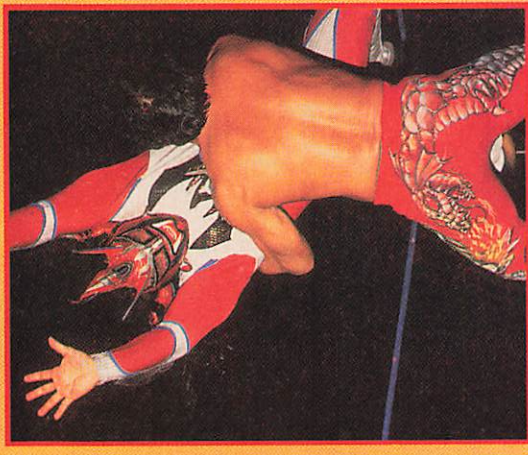
14. JERRY LAWLER (6', 234, 23, 7) Despised outside USWA axis, thanks to feud with Hart family and WWF appearances ... "The King" became 15-time USWA champ ... A legend who's beaten every top star ... Still expanding his repertoire.

17. HULK HOGAN (6'8", 292, 14, 12) Was fifth WWF World title his last hurrah? ... History's most famous matman ... Will soon wrestle Arbitron and Nielsen ratings, as his syndicated series *Thunder In Paradise* begins shooting this fall.

18. BRIAN PILLMAN (6', 226, 6, 32) He and Steve Austin dominate WCW tag scene ... Former pro football player is a superb aerialist ... Extremely popular for a rulebreaker ... Twice won now-dormant WCW light heavyweight title.

19. THE GREAT MUTA (6'1", 245, 9, 25) Relinquished NWA belt to Barry Windham, also lost non-title match to Hulk Hogan in Japan ... IWGP champion remains among the sport's best aerialists ... Not seen in North America lately.

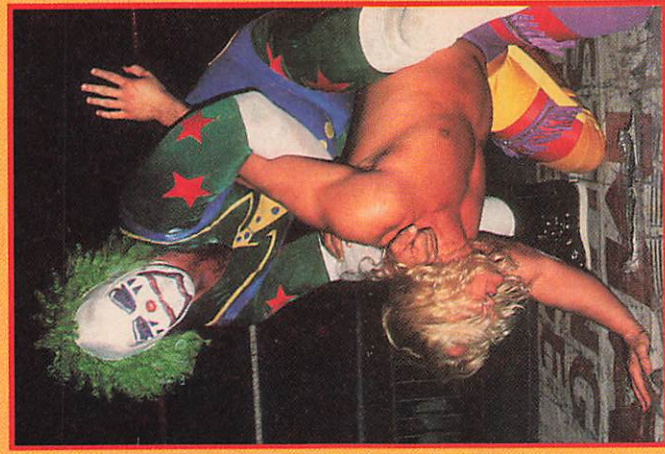
20. RICK STEAMBOAT (6'1", 238, 17, 6) "The Dragon" and Shane Douglas won WCW tag title early in year before splitting ... Veteran ex-WCW World champ remains the consummate scientific wrestler ... He's breathing fire again!



21. JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 200, 10, 18) The *definitive* aerial wrestler ... No light heavyweight is more skilled, or exciting ... Rarely seen in U.S. this year ... Was injured while facing 2 Cold Scorpio in Japanese tournament.

24. ARN ANDERSON (6', 249, 11, 19) "The Enforcer" can wrestle scientifically or brawl with equal skill, depending upon opponent ... Steadies the revived Four Horsemen, usually teaming with Paul Roma ... A three-time WCW TV champ.

25. SID VIOCIOS (6'8", 318, 6, NL) No more "Justice," or WWF ... Returned to WCW, where his tag team partnership with Big Van Vader was big news ... Mean, tough, perennially inconsistent ... Will he *finally* unleash his potential?



26. DOINK (5'10", 235, NA, NL) This refers only to original clown, not either of his clones ... A competent wrestler hides under the face-paint, but he still plays tricks on opponents ... The WWF's most controversial star.

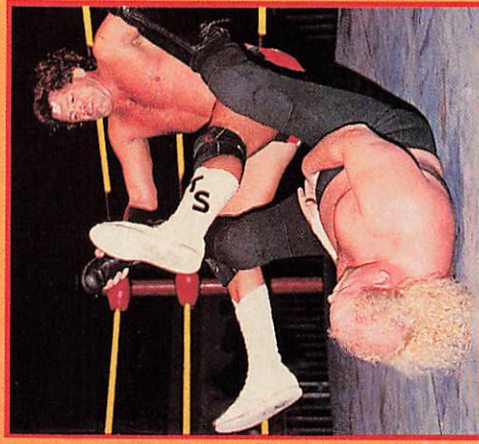
27. STEVE WILLIAMS (6'1", 265, 9, 14) Was WCW tag champ with Terry Gordy, but both are now in Japan, where their brawling style has made them stars ... "Dr. Death" renowned for incredible strength and brutality.

28. RANDY SAVAGE (6'2", 245, 19, 2) Charismatic "Macho Man" is part wrestler, part analyst, part pitchman ... Two-time WWF World champ remains master of the flying elbow ... A serious title contender? No one's quite sure.

29. EDDIE GILBERT (5'10", 222, 16, 33) Settled down in ECW; has uneasy alliance with Paul E. Dangerously ... "Hot Stuff" has many belts to his credit, including GWF and USWA ... Fireball expert ... Among the slyest rulebreakers around.

30. TED DIBIASE (6'4", 247, 19, 22) As part of Money Inc., dominated WWF tag scene, albeit in a cowardly way ... "Million-Dollar Man" reportedly may leave WWF for Japan ... Knows more suplexes than anybody ... Crafty veteran.

31. STAN HANSEN (6'3", 233, 19, 48) Ex-AWA and WCW U.S. champion remains among the elite rulebreakers ... Mainly wrestles in Japan these days, but also makes some independent appearances ... "The Lariat" has a devastating clothesline.



32. TRACEY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 11, 144) Became Smoky Mountain's premier wrestler, despite lack of solo experience ... High-flying fan favorite who's memorably feuded with Tony Anthony and now Brian Lee ... Best known for top-rope clothesline.

37. OWEN HART (5'10", 226, 7, 44) "The Rocket" found success as a solo this year ... Beat Papa Shango for USWA title, then lost it to family foe Jerry Lawler ... Emerged from Bret's shadow.

38. PAUL ORNDORFF (5'11", 253, 14, 108) Veteran left independents for WCW, became TV champion ... Hampered somewhat by injuries and by "Paula" chants from crowd ... "Mr. Wonderful" is still renowned for mid-1980s feud with Hulk Hogan.

39. HAWK (6'3", 277, 10, 34) Did well as solo this year, including a classic independent match vs. Terry Funk in Minneapolis ... Famed for partnership with injured Legion Of Doom/Road Warrior teammate Animal ... Powerful, intense.

40. BRIAN LEE (6'2", 244, 4, 96) Regained Smoky Mountain belt, but became a rulebreaker to do it ... Fell prey to conniving manager Tammy Fytch and turned on old friend Tracey Smothers ... Formerly teamed with Robert Fuller.

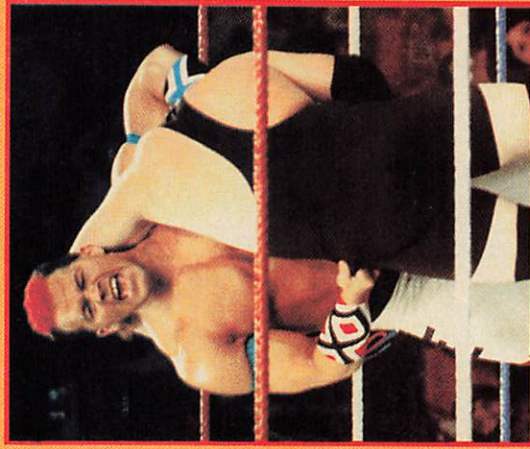


49. 2 COLD SCORPIO (5'11", 222, 7, NL) Soared into WCW prominence with a Japanese-style aerial assault ... Usually teams with Marcus Alexander Bagwell ... Impressive in solo loss to then-NWA champ Barry Windham ... Bright future.

50. KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 233, 7, NL) Inconsistent in WCW, returned to Japan during 1993 ... Among strongest Japanese wrestlers ... Exceptional power attack, including suplexes and hiptoss variation, and a dynamic clothesline ... Former IWGP tag champ with Hawk.

51. JOHNNY B. BADD (6', 245, 3, 59) Put on a mask after Maxx Payne assaulted him with his own "Badd-blasters" ... Gained revenge in several grudge matches ... Flamboyant, with substance to his style ... Terrific left-hand finisher.

52. IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (6'3", 245, 12, 54) A taxing situation (sorry!) for the accountant from Syracuse ... May turn solo if Money Inc. teammate Ted DiBiase leaves WWF ... Gifted natural wrestler ... Formerly Mike Rotundo and Michael Wall Street.



61. TATANKA (6'1", 260, 3, 93) Formerly known as Chris Chavis ... Continues to ascend WWF ladder ... Speedy, well-conditioned, but lack of offense and scientific skills may hamper his progress ... Incredibly popular, needs time to mature.

62. MR. HUGHES (6'5", 308, 5, 68) Angry, agile, taciturn ... Ex-Kansas State football player and Lex Luger bodyguard ascending in WWF ... Could be too involved in his feud with The Undertaker ... Should contend in 1994.

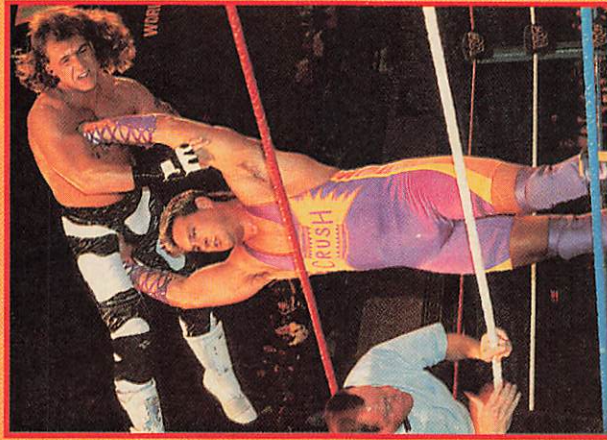
63. AKIRA NOGAMI (5'9", 216, 6, 106) Beat the legendary Jushin Liger for IWGP junior heavyweight title—and did it twice ... Very impressive in U.S. appearances ... Had languished in prelims for years.

64. BOB BACKLUND (6'1", 242, 20, 46) Pride of the purists fizzled in his WWF comeback ... Did well early in 1993, then began to slide ... Might be better off competing in independents ... No superior defensive wrestler anywhere.

65. KEVIN SULLIVAN (5'10", 252, 22, 148) No U.S. wrestler is more bloodthirsty ... Appeared to be tumbling from Smoky Mountain's top echelon during 1993 ... Believe it or not, he once actually managed Rick Steiner!

33. BAM BAM BIGELOW (6'3", 368, 8, 84) Returned to WWF, where he feuded with Tatanka and nearly upset Bret Hart in "King Of The Ring" finals ... Among the most agile of big men ... Advised by Luna Vachon.

34. THE KID (6'2", 201, 4, 75) The WWF finally has an aerial, Japanese-style star ... Posted rousing upsets of Razor Ramon and Ted DiBiase ... Exciting, enthusiastic light heavyweight ... Unlike anyone else in the federation.



35. CRUSH (6'6", 315, 7, 76) WWF career uncertain after being repeatedly splashed by Yokozuna in July ... Hawaiian native once teamed with Smash in Demolition ... He and Doink feuded for months ... Among the sport's fiercest competitors.

36. RON SIMMONS (6'2", 260, 7, 20) The "All-American" seeks to regain WCW World title, but is finding the going tough ... Lost by DQ to TV champ Paul Orndorff at Beach Blast ... Will continue to persevere.

41. BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (5'10", 220, 4, 47) USWA's premier rulebreaker ... A five-time Southern champ ... Cunning and skilled, famed for precision dropkick ... Rivalry with Jeff Jarrett is incredibly intense ... Boss of Nanny Simpson (Toni Adams) in USWA.

42. TONY ANTHONY (6'1", 235, 16, 42) A talented wrestler lurks behind that ersatz New Yorker facade ... Has feuded with Tracey Smothers for some time now ... Was actually a USWA fan favorite before heading to Smoky Mountain.

43. TERRY GORDY (6'4", 289, 13, 31) WCW World tag team reign with Steve Williams didn't last long into '93 ... Continues to excel in Japan ... Brawling style makes him popular on either side of the Pacific.

44. CHRIS BENOIT (5'10", 218, 7, 99) Inconsistent Stu Hart protege excelled in Japan, but so far is stumbling in WCW ... Still has the raw skills ... Teams with Bobby Eaton ... Especially good at the flying headbutt.

45. TERRY FUNK (6'1", 247, 28, 98) Ex-NWA World champion is a classic brawler, but his scientific skills shouldn't be ignored ... Carried bloody feud with Eddie Gilbert into ECW ... Shows no signs of slowing down.

46. THE UNDERTAKER (6'9", 320, 5, 21) Remains extremely popular ... Former WWF World champion feuded with Mr. Hughes, who stole his famed urn ... Absorbs incredible punishment, well-conditioned ... Never claimed to be very scientific.

47. SCOTT NORTON (6'3", 360, 4, 133) Better known in Japan than U.S., even though he's a Minnesota native trained by Verne Gagne ... Briefly in WCW in 1993, challenging Sting ... Colossal brawler, former arm-wrestling champ.

48. BOBBY EATON (6', 233, 17, 27) Master of flying legdrop has spent 1993 in both WCW (where he teams with Chris Benoit) and Smoky Mountain ... Starred with Stan Lane as Midnight Express ... A former TV champion.

53. CACTUS JACK (6'4", 247, 10, 29) Hasn't been the same since being power-bombed onto concrete by Big Van Vader at April WCW taping ... New Mexican madman only now is recovering ... As always, expect the unpredictable.

54. TOM PRICHARD (5'10", 220, 15, 64) Good fortune for six-time former USWA Southern champ ... Joined The Heavenly Bodies, and Jim Cornette's pull gained them WWF tag title shot at SummerSlam ... "Dr. Tom" is talented, smart.

55. RIKI CHOSHU (6', 246, 19, 62) Former IWGP champ has also won Mexican titles during occasional visits to North America ... Represented South Korea in 1972 Olympics before turning pro ... One of Asia's true wrestling legends.

56. SABU (6', 220, 3, 79) Small, but blood-thirsty; what you'd expect from a disciple of The Sheik ... Won FMW tag title with Horace Boulder ... Independent star ... Also appears frequently in Japan.

57. JACQUES (6'2", 232, 14, 41) A talented wrestler? *Certainement!* Alas, he rarely employs it, preferring to use rulebreaking methods ... He and Pierre comprise The Quebecers ... Was WWF Intercontinental champ when known as The Mountie.

58. BIG BOSSMAN (6'6", 277, 8, 23) Finally surfaced in Smoky Mountain after several uncertain months ... Has come full circle; was Jim Cornette's bodyguard in 1985 ... Brawling fan favorite won UWF singles title, starred in the WWF.

59. ROD PRICE (6'2", 262, 4, 208) Dedicated professional, but has a mean streak ... "California Stud" has only rarely been a Global fan favorite ... Should buy a better hairweave the next time he takes on Chris Adams.

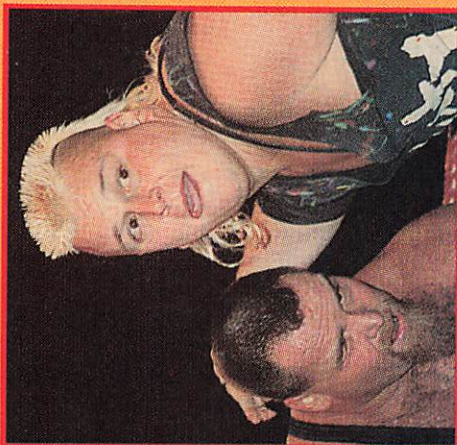
60. CHRIS ADAMS (6'1", 228, 15, 192) "Gentleman"? Try telling that to estranged wife Toni, or to Rod Price after their hair-raising altercation ... Former four-time World Class champ ... Has become more active this year.

66. HACKSAW DUGGAN (6'3", 280, 16, 120) The working man's hero still has his 2x4, but his skills apparently are eroding ... Famed three-point stance and clothesline ... Succeeded by Lex Luger as the WWF's premier patriot.

67. TIM HORNER (5'10", 235, 9, 161) Quickly rising in Smoky Mountain ... Incredibly quick, with extensive Japanese experience ... Might have problems against bigger opponents in other federations ... He and Brad Armstrong won UWF tag title in 1987.

68. TITO SANTANA (6'1", 245, 18, 65) Veteran Latin star has won ECW title, remains dangerous ... "El Matador," a two-time WWF Intercontinental champ, has won World tag titles with two different partners ... A dynamic competitor.

69. KENTA KOBASHI (6'2", 260, 5, NL) Held Asian tag title with Tsuyoshi Kikuchi ... Might be Japan's best overall wrestler ... Feuds with Toshiaki Kawada and Terry Gordy ... Scientifically and aerially skilled ... Nicknamed "Orange Crush" for orange outfits.



70. BRIAN KNOBS (6'1", 295, 6, 67) Rollercoaster year for he and fellow Nasty Boy Jerry Sags ... Former WWF tag champs stalled there, then jumped to WCW and became instant contenders ... He's the ultimate street brawler.

71. LORD STEVEN REGAL (6'4", 250, 9, NL) Claims he's of royal blood ... Not yet a WCW aristocrat ... Solid wrestler with extensive international experience ... Should not be confused with Steve Regal, who was in AWA several years ago.

72. SHANE DOUGLAS (6', 223, 7, 245) Teamed with Rick Steamboat to win WCW tag title, but then left federation for independents ... Has plenty of ring smarts ... Basically a singles wrestler throughout career.

73. MAXX PAYNE (6'6", 350, 6, NL) Talks about his "dark side"; still hasn't seen the light to become regular WCW contender ... Feuded with Johnny B. Badd, stole his "Badd-blast" ... "Payne-killer" is the sport's best armbar.

74. GREG VALENTINE (6', 243, 22, 49) "The Hammer" left WCW, is current WWF champion ... Managed by Madusa Miceli ... Former U.S. and Intercontinental champion has superb figure-four leglock ... Usually a rulebreaker, briefly a fan favorite.

75. JIMMY SNUKA (6', 250, 24, 97) "Superfly" can still soar, brother ... A champ in ECW and other independents ... Renowned for flying bodypress off the turnbuckle ... Slowed a bit ... All-around skills are sometimes overlooked.

76. JERRY SAGS (6'3", 270, 7, 104) He and Brian Knobbs, The Nasty Boys, seek WCW tag title to accompany their WWF belt ... Excellent flying elbow off top rope ... Adequate solo skills; better off in tag competition.



85. MASA CHONO (5'11", 239, 9, 209) Was in same Japanese training camp with The Great Muta and Jushin Liger ... Learned STF from the legendary Lou Thesz ... Won tournament for revived NWA belt in 1992.

86. JIMMY DEL RAY (5'11", 225, 4, NL) "Gigolo" now part of The Heavenly Bodies with Tom Prichard ... Does a magnificent moonsault ... Relatively unknown in North America ... Extensive Japanese experience ... Smoky Mountain/WWF agreement should help him.

87. RAZOR RAMON (6'8", 290, 9, 53) Upset loss to The Kid on *WWF Monday Night Raw* became a blessing in disguise ... Refocused himself, became fan favorite ... Formerly Diamond Studd and Scott Hall over his erratic career.

88. HERCULES (6'2", 255, 13, 141) WWF emigre has found success in New Japan, where he teams with Scott Norton as the Jurassic Powers ... Former NAWA champ ... Powerful, but must improve stamina to regain top ranking.

89. GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 235, 17, 109) This Terry Funk protégé and former sumo great is currently among Japan's finest ... Has held countless titles in Asia over the years ... Superb in fundamentals, intelligent veteran.

90. CHARLIE NORRIS (6'7", 290, 5, 279) Chippewa Indian dominated Minnesota-based PWA, is now in WCW ... Seeks to become first Native American to win a World title ... Favorite hold is tomahawk chop ... Idolized Wahoo McDaniel.

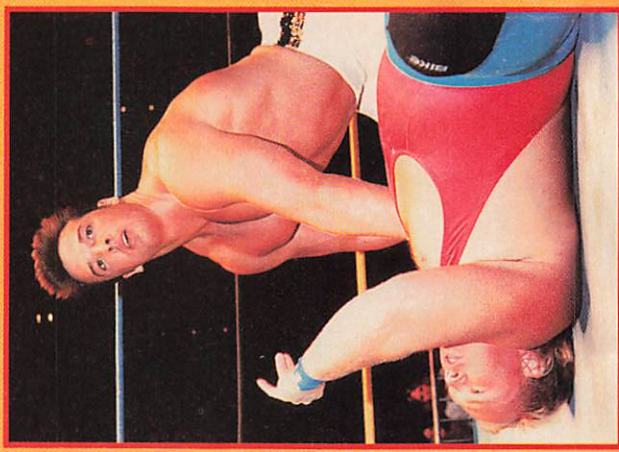
91. DON HARRIS (6'4", 290, 5, 198) South Dakota native is one of the strongest men in wrestling ... He and brother Ron are Smoky Mountain tag team champions The Bruise Brothers ... Wrestled in both Portland and USWA.

92. MITSUOHARU MISAWA (5'11", 228, 13, 205) A dominant figure in All-Japan wrestling ... Purely scientific, has an incredible array of holds and counterholds ... Has held countless titles ... One of Asia's many mat legends.

101. JOE MALENKO (5'11", 225, 16, 225) He and brother Dean team up in Japan, where sister Debbie is a women's champion ... Best move is German suplex ... Respected throughout the sport for his all-around skills.

102. DON MURACO (6'4", 274, 23, 176) Veteran rulebreaker part of Dangerous Alliance in ECW ... Uneasily allied with longtime rival Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka ... A talented, two-time WWF Intercontinental champ ... "Magnificent," and tough as they come.

103. TYPHOON (6'7", 407, 9, 71) He and tag team teammate Earthquake largely disappeared after winning WWF title ... Making a comeback as a solo ... Also known as U.S. Steel, Big Steel Man, and Tugboat.



104. MARCUS ALEXANDER BAGWELL (6'1", 245, 3, 77) Muscular youngster began '93 teaming with Tom Zenk ... He and new partner 2 Cold Scorpio are genuine WCW tag title contenders ... Is steadily improving, but remains iffy as a solo.

109. RICKY SANTANA (5'10", 235, 11, 300) WWF mainstay ... Has won tag team titles with Curtis Thompson, Al Madrid, and most recently Ray Gonzales ... Turned rulebreaker in 1990, suspended from PNW in 1991, returned to WWF.

110. TAKAYUKI IIZUKA (6'2", 230, 3, 122) Up-and-coming Japanese aerialist who has been impressive on North American cards, including WCW ... Engaged in classic bout with Owen Hart ... Should become superstar by 1997.

111. TATSUMI FUJINAMI (6'1", 238, 22, 58) Still a Japanese legend, though his best days are probably past ... Former WWF World junior heavyweight champion, also competed in WCW ... Is noted for scorpion leglock.

112. VAN HAMMER (6'8", 320, 3, 204) On verge of title contention in WCW, then lost to Sid Vicious in 35 seconds at Slamboree. Never recovered ... Tried out with WWF ... Rock 'n' roller/biker image ... Extremely popular.

113. STEVE ARMSTRONG (6'2", 240, 10, 132) The strongest of the wrestling brothers ... Once teamed with Tracey Smothers as The Southern Boys, won U.S. tag team title ... Signature move is the dropkick off the top rope.

114. BLAKE BEVERLY (6'4", 252, 5, 101) Formerly known as Mike Enos ... More of a rulebreaker than "brother" Beau ... Partner of Steve Lombardi in six-man tag matches with midgeets ... Has been somewhat disappointing since joining WWF.

115. DAN KROFFAT (5'11", 235, 11, 201) Follow Japanese wrestling? Then you've probably heard of this Canadian import ... He and Doug Furnas are three-time former All-Japan tag team champions ... Excellent physique, extremely tough.

116. SCOTTY FLAMINGO (6'1", 235, 4, 66) Wrestler? Manager? You decide ... Wrestled in USWA, then announced he was really Johnny Polo ... Left to manage Adam Bomb in the WWF ... Still competes in Memphis every now and then.

77. ULTIMO DRAGON (5'7", 175, 7, NL) Beat El Samurai for IWGP junior heavyweight title; lost it to Jushin Liger ... Current UWA middleweight champion ... Will moonsault from top rope when opponent is outside ring ... Popular in Mexico.

78. ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER (6'1", 360, 35, 57) Has been bloodthirsty for more than a third of a century ... Famed rivalry with Carlos Colon ended this year with Colon's retirement ... Is training Mongolian Mauler as his protege (shudder!).

79. RICK MORTON (5'11", 228, 15, 83) Among the oldest active aerial stars ... Revived Rock 'n' Roll Express, eternal enemies of Jim Cornette ... Another former USWA champ who's found a home in Smoky Mountain ... Always competitive.

80. JAKE ROBERTS (6'5", 246, 18, 60) "The Snake" now competes in Global as well as in Mexico, where he nearly caused a riot in May ... Originated the DDT ... Feuded in past with Rick Rude, Randy Savage.

81. JESSE BARR (6', 243, 12, 211) Maybe you knew him better as Jimmy Jack Funk, or maybe you recall his father, Sandy Barr ... One of the Pacific Northwest's elite wrestlers ... Has a superb bulldog headlock.

82. ICEMAN PARSONS (5'10", 245, 14, 87) Veteran Texas competitor allied himself with Toni Adams during her feud with estranged husband Chris ... One of Global's shining stars ... St. Louis native is former two-time WCCW champion.

83. CHRIS CANDIDO (5'8", 225, 3, 422) Rapidly moving up in status, and still he's a crybaby! ... Will do his share of high-risk maneuvers ... New Jersey native fast becoming one of Smoky Mountain's most hated rulebreakers.

84. ERIK WATTS (6'5", 262, 1, NL) Rookie son of ex-WCW executive Bill Watts had ups, downs with foes, fans ... Feuded with Arn Anderson, later his tag partner ... Solid "STF" finishing move ... *PWJ* Rookie of the Year in '92.

93. RON HARRIS (6'5", 290, 9, 202) He and brother Don comprise The Bruise Brothers, Jim Cornette's latest creation and current Smoky Mountain tag team champs ... Tough brawler, belying his size ... Former Pacific Northwest champion.

94. EARTHQUAKE (6'4", 462, 5, 40) Former sumo wrestler was yokozuna (grand master) before Yokozuna ... Typhoon's one-time tag team mate is currently in Japan these days ... Famed for breaking Hulk Hogan's ribs with splash before becoming fan favorite.

95. BRAD ARMSTRONG (6', 226, 12, 63) Former WCW light heavyweight champ aided younger brother Steve and father Bob during Smoky Mountain feud with Jim Cornette ... Excellent physique, also deceptively quick ... Inherited father's ring savvy.

96. COL. DeBEERS (6'1", 248, 15, 138) South African emigre who tests the First Amendment through his despicable, racist political beliefs ... Now hails from Canada ... Has violently feuded with Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka since 1988.

97. C.W. BERGSTROM (5'11", 235, 4, 151) Former Oregon high school principal and PNW champ made mark in Memphis this year ... Disciplinary briefly won USWA tag belts with huge nerd Melvin Penrod Jr., before falling out ... Exciting.

98. SAMU (6'4", 260, 12, 88) Formed with headshrinkers with Fatu; they became one of WWF's elite tag teams ... The most crazed alumnus of the Samoan Swat Team ... Capable solo wrestler, but better off with a partner.

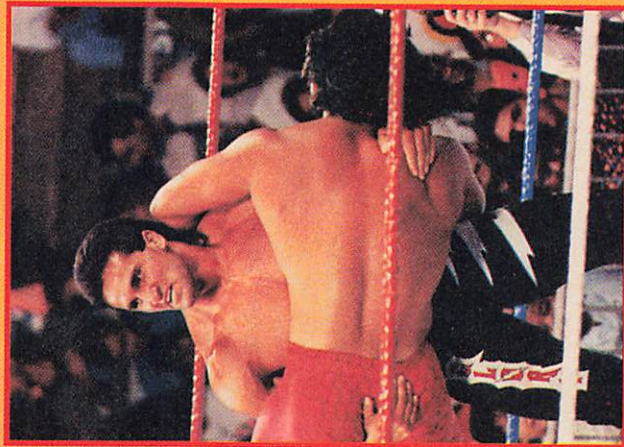
99. ROBERT GIBSON (5'11", 225, 16, 181) Still hasn't fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery ... He and once-feuding partner Rick Morton keep frustrating Jim Cornette ... One of the shrewdest wrestlers you'll ever find.

100. DAN SPIVEY (6'8", 300, 10, 43) Not quite so "Dangerous" of late ... Teamed with Sid Vicious as The Skyscrapers in the WWF, later moved to WCW ... Great power bomb ... Now an independent.

105. FATU (6'2", 260, 8, 119) He and fellow headshrinker Samu comprise tough WWF tag team unit ... Slightly more scientific than Samu, which isn't saying much ... Samoan Swat Team won World Class tag title three times.

106. VIC STEAMBOAT (6'1", 235, 7, 255) Rick's younger brother made an impact on his own, defeating Rick Martel in tournament final to win initial Can-Am Federation title ... Superb fly-ing press ... A scientific wrestler, of course.

107. BEAU BEVERLY (6'4", 266, 5, 92) Formerly known as Wayne Bloom ... He and Blake fell from WWF tag title contention, but still hang tough ... Teamed with Mike Enos (Blake Beverly) for AWA tag championship in 1989.



108. PAUL ROMA (5'11", 235, 7, NL) "He's the Fourth Horseman?" said stunned WCW fans. Yes, and he's been effective ... Ex-WWF tag competitor has underrated power and stamina ... Boxed professionally last year.

117. KOKO B. WARE (5'9", 229, 13, 172) Keeps doing it for his macaw, Frankie ... "Birdman" continues competing in USWA, though he's not a title contender anymore ... Partner of Owen Hart before the "Rockel" feud with Jerry Lawler.

118. DOUG FURNAS (5'11", 265, 7, 136) Arguably the strongest wrestler anywhere ... As proof, we offer his world record with combined lift of 2,403 pounds in 1987 ... Oklahoman teams with Dan Kroffat in Japan and Mexico.

119. HIROSHI HASE (5'11", 225, 8, 157) Japanese native recently competed in WCW tourneys ... Was part of IWGP tag champions ... Extremely strong suplex ... Made his reputation in Calgary ... Was in Continental federation briefly in 1989.

120. VLADIMIR KOLOFF (6'4", 265, 2, 221) Another nephew of Ivan Koloff, with whom he's teamed in ECW and elsewhere ... Powerful, though still relatively inexperienced ... Former IWA heavyweight champion ... Still wears sickle despite USSR collapse.

121. ROB VAN DAM (6', 227, 3, 173) Also known as Robby V ... Emulates aerialists like Sabu and Jushin Liger ... Best move is split-legged moonsault ... Kickboxes as a hobby ... Former IWF TV champ, has competed in WCW.

122. JOHNNY SMITH (6', 235, 11, 214) Now in Japan after failing to make mark in North America ... Formerly competed in "New British Bulldogs" until teammate Dynamite Kid retired ... Plagued by inconsistency over the years.

123. CHAZ TAYLOR (6'1", 218, 3, 215) Tugboat Taylor's son is a rising star in Texas ... Former Global light heavyweight champ contending in Houston-based American Wrestling Federation ... Energetic high-flyer ... Exciting closing "Chaztisor" move.

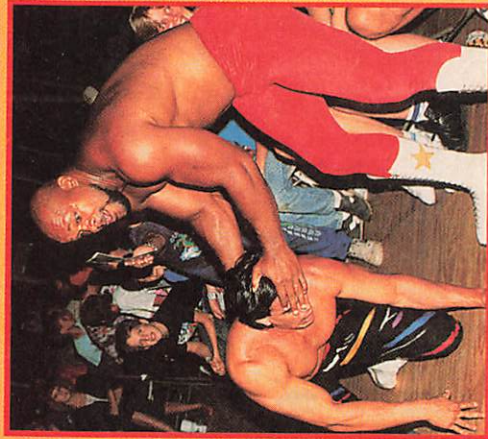
124. SCOTT PUTSKI (6', 235, 7, 73) Son of Ivan, this former Texas Christian University football star remains a prime contender in Global ... One-time GWF North American champion ... Personal trainer ... Among the better-built wrestlers around.

125. KONNAN (5'10", 230, 6, 143) Mexican star found his success didn't translate north of the border, left the WWF ... Extremely versatile, excelling in everything from flying suplexes to armbars ... Coming home should do him good.

126. THE DARK PATRIOT (5'11", 234, NA, NL) Member of Dangerous Alliance/Hot Stuff International, teaming with Eddie Gilbert ... Feuded with Gilbert in Global ... Recently threw J.T. Smith 20 feet, then leapt from announcers' booth to splash him.

127. MIL MASCARAS (5'11", 245, 29, 187) "Man Of 1,000 Masks" ... Perhaps the greatest Mexican star ever ... Still a master of the flying bodypress ... Senior Editor Bill Apter's all-time favorite wrestler.

128. TASMANIAC (5'11", 245, 6, 207) Suplex master ... A solid wrestler despite his manic image, but nevertheless a violent rulebreaker ... Competes in IWCCW; a former light heavyweight champ there ... Was briefly in Smoky Mountain and Japan.



129. TONY ATLAS (6'2", 247, 16, 169) Former Mr. U.S.A. and two-time ICW champion ... If his courage matched his build, he'd be nearly unstoppable ... Can't evade top competition if he wants to regain status.

138. DAN DAVIS (5'9", 218, 16, 118) Steady USWA veteran has won CWF and Global titles ... Can compete with virtually any light heavyweight anywhere ... Won 16-man tournament in Memphis this spring, earned Chevrolet as the prize.

139. BILLY TRAVIS (5'10", 218, 13, 166) Currently in WWA after USWA stint ... Likeable fan favorite who briefly became guitar-swinging rulebreaker ... Has also appeared in WWF ... Talented native of Houston, Texas.

140. WARLORD (6'5", 360, 7, 128) Beginning to make comeback in independents ... Was WWF World title contender several years ago before career stalled ... Amazing physique ... Once teamed with Barbarian as The Powers of Pain.

141. ANGEL OF DEATH (6'5", 311, 8, 154) Don't play "Taps" for this trumpeter's career anytime soon ... Has broken away from Gen. Skandor Akbar to become fan favorite in Global ... One-time Texas champion ... A powerful competitor.

142. THE BARBARIAN (6'5", 295, 12, 94) Somewhat faded from sight in 1993 after leaving WWF for Puerto Rico ... Brutal giant most adept at tag team wrestling; once had Warlord as partner ... Formerly managed by Bobby Heenan.

143. THE PATRIOT (6'4", 280, 5, 180) Masked star moved to Japan, but he hasn't defected ... Incredibly talented former Global mainstay plans to return to the States ... Won GWF TV and North American titles.

144. ADAM BOMB (6'6", 292, 2, NL) Formerly the Nightstalker in Smoky Mountain, where he left after feuding with Kevin Sullivan ... Managed by Johnny Polo, he has dominated WWF prelim opponents ... Yet to be genuinely tested.

145. LUDVIG BORG (6'3", 290, 4, NL) The new Nikolai Volkoff, although singing the Finnish national anthem hardly strikes fear into North American fans ... Obnoxious, convinced of Aryan superiority ... Wrestled in Japan before joining the WWF.

154. YOSHIHIRO ASAI (5'6", 175, 4, 226) How does he do it at that size? ... Arguably the best of the high-flying Japanese stars ... Amazingly graceful ... The maneuvers he comes up with defy description.

155. STAN LANE (6'1", 225, 15, 51) Career on hold for a while after dropping "loser leaves Smoky Mountain" match ... Excellent blend of wrestling and martial arts skills ... One of the brighter mat stars.

156. RICK MARTEL (6', 236, 21, 35) "The Model" is slowly turning into "The Mannequin" ... Sliding after solid, if unspectacular, career ... Former AWA champ now competes in independents ... Occasionally in the WWF.

157. MOONDOG SPOT (6'2", 298, 16, 80) The Moondogs again top the USWA tag scene, but Spot's been sent toward the back of the kennel ... Has been with team since 1978 ... Still carries a big bone.

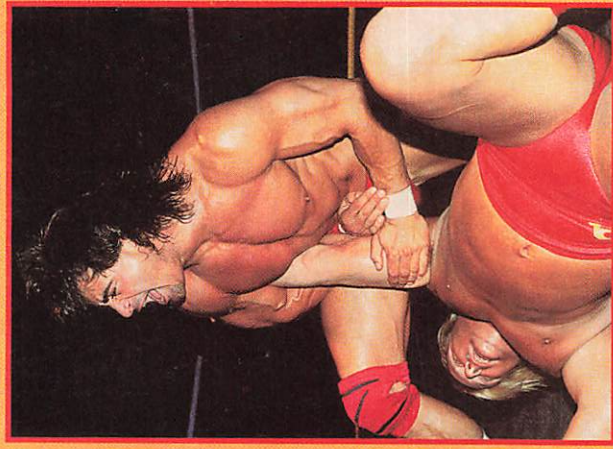
158. BOB ORTON (6'1", 245, 21, 183) "Ace" continues competing on an independent basis ... One-time bodyguard for Roddy Piper has outlasted the "Rowdy Scot" ... Originator and master of the top-rope superplex.

159. DICK SLATER (6'1", 235, 23, 86) Older, but definitely not mellowed ... Left WCW after he and Barbarian won their final U.S. tag team title, but he's back ... "Dirty Dick" has captured countless regional belts.

160. JOE SAVOLDI (6', 220, 13, 164) IWCCW light heavyweight champion is the son of former NWA junior champ Angelo Savoldi ... Among the most intelligent competitors in the Eastern independents ... A career scientific wrestler.

161. THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 4, 256) Has gradually turned from rulebreaker to fan favorite, thanks to feud with Rockin' Rebel ... Managed by the lovely Peaches ... Former ECW champion ... Occasionally employs his surfboard as a weapon.

167. EL BRONCO I (5'11", 235, 7, NL) Yes, there used to be an El Bronco II, but he disappeared ... This masked Dominican from Santo Domingo has won a pair of WWC tag team titles with Invader I.



168. TOM ZENK (6'2", 237, 9, 38) Popular "Z-Man" slipped a bit after losing Marcus Alexander Bagwell as a tag team partner ... Former WCW TV champion, now competes in independents ... Excellent dropkick from top turnbuckle.

169. GARY YOUNG (6'2", 336, 16, 89) "The Hog" is now in American Wrestling Federation after years with Global ... He and Steven Dane won GWF tag belts ... Sadistic, yet skilled ... Was briefly a fan favorite in 1991.

170. KEVIN VON ERICH (6'2", 235, 15, 219) Lone survivor of the ill-fated Von Erich brothers ... Competes occasionally these days but his career is in the past tense ... Capable wrestler ... Superb clawhold.

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BRET HART

BRET HART, THE WWF's "King Of The Ring," is one of the finest all-around wrestlers in history ... Comes from a family rich in wrestling history and background ... His father, Stu Hart, is one of the sport's best-known trainers ... His mother, Helen, gave birth to eight boys, four of whom became professional wrestlers ... These days, Helen and Stu can be spotted at ringside for most of Bret's big matches ... The 5'11", 235-pound native of Calgary, Alberta, began his professional career in 1978 ... He and his brother, Smith Hart, won the Caribbean tag team title ... A long feud got its start about a year later, when Hart defeated Dynamite Kid for the Commonwealth mid-heavyweight title ... Years later, Hart and Jim Neidhart—The Hart Foundation—would feud against Dynamite Kid and Davey Boy Smith, The British Bulldogs ... Wrestled NWA World champion Harley Race during the early-1980s ... Won the North American title from Junkyard Dog in 1980 ... Held the belt for over a year and feuded for two years with Bad News Brown ... Finally, and ironically, Bret and Davey Boy Smith teamed against Brown and Duke Myers ... Battled AWA World champion Nick Bockwinkel to a 90-minute draw ... Defeated Ted DiBiase for the IWGP title in Japan in 1981 ... Another ironic feud: Bret and brother Keith Hart had a bitter rivalry with Neidhart and Hercules Ayala ... Began his feud with The British Bulldogs in Japan ... Came to the WWF in 1984 as a fan favorite, but soon became a rulebreaker ... Began his alliance with manager Jimmy Hart and teamed with Neidhart as The Hart Foundation ... Adopted the nickname, "The Hitman" ... The Harts feuded intensely with The British Bulldogs, from whom they won the WWF World tag team title on January 26, 1987 ... The Harts teamed with referee-turned-rulebreaker Danny Davis to beat the Bulldogs and Tito Santana at WrestleMania III ... Appeared to have lost the belts to the Rougeau brothers on August 10, 1987, in Montreal, but WWF President Jack Tunney reversed the decision the following day ... Finally lost the belts for real to Rick Martel and Santana on October 27, 1987 ... Were voted first runner-up for Tag Team of the Year in 1987 ... Bret began his rise as a WWF singles wrestler by lasting 36 minutes in the ring at the WWF's first Royal Rumble on January 24, 1988 ... He and Bad News Brown were the last two men remaining at the WrestleMania IV battle royal ... Brown attacked him from behind and dumped him over the top rope ... Hart became a fan favorite and dumped Jimmy Hart as his manager ... The Hart Foundation continued as fan favorites ... Regained the belts from Demolition at SummerSlam '90 on August 27, 1990, in Philadelphia ... Again, the Harts appeared to have lost the belts to The Rockers on October 30, 1990, in Fort Wayne, Indiana ... But Tunney rescinded the victory after ruling a fallen ring rope created an "unfair condition" for each team ... On November 21, Bret's older brother, Dean, died in Calgary of a kidney disease ... Bret made the tough decision to wrestle the following night at the Survivor Series and dedicated the match in his brother's honor ... Bret's Dream Team lost to The Million-Dollar Team when

he was pinned by Ted DiBiase ... It was a breathtaking performance by the "Hitman" ... Lost the tag belts to The Nasty Boys at WrestleMania VII on March 24, 1991, in Los Angeles ... Bret received several shots at Intercontinental champion Curt Hennig in classic science vs. science matches ... Because of injuries accumulated over the years, Neidhart semiretired and Bret concentrated on his singles career ... Won the Intercontinental title from Hennig at SummerSlam '91 on August 26 at Madison Square Garden ... Won the WWF's 1991 "King Of The Ring" tournament by defeating three wrestlers, including Irwin R. Schyster ... Defeated The Mountie, managed by Jimmy Hart, in a record three seconds ... But The Mountie scored a shocking upset to win the I-C title from Bret on January 17 in Springfield, Massachusetts ... Hart was beset by a 104-degree fever, but honored his commitment to wrestle

... Roddy Piper, Hart's friend, won the belt from The Mountie two days later at The Royal Rumble ... Hart demanded a match against Piper at WrestleMania VIII and Piper relented, nearly setting off a feud between the friends ... Hart regained the title in a classic match ... Afterward, Piper strapped the belt around Hart's waist ... Dedicated his title defenses to his 76-year-old father ... In one of the finest matches ever, Bret lost the I-C belt to Davey Boy Smith, his former arch-rival, on August 29 at SummerSlam '92 in London, England ... But Bret moved on and won the WWF World title from Ric Flair on October 12, 1992, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan ... After 25 minutes, Hart used his "sharpshooter" leglock and forced Flair into submission ... Embarked on an admirably ambitious title defense schedule, in which he took on all comers in as many as six matches per

week ... Retained the title with a win over Shawn Michaels at Survivor Series '92 ... Again, the "excellence of execution" used his sharpshooter and forced Michaels into submission ... Successfully defended his belt against Flair before running into Razor Ramon at the 1993 Royal Rumble ... With his parents watching, Hart forced Ramon to submit ... But on the same card, Yokozuna earned the WrestleMania IX shot at Hart by winning the Royal Rumble ... In the highly anticipated main event at WrestleMania IX, Hart lost the belt to Yokozuna when manager Mr. Fuji threw salt in his face ... Seconds after the loss, Hogan came out and accepted an impromptu challenge to wrestle Yokozuna ... Hogan won the World title ... Suddenly, Hart wasn't even the top contender to the belt ... But he plugged on and won his second "King Of The Ring" crown on June 13 in Dayton, Ohio ... After the match, Hart was attacked by Jerry "The King" Lawler, who piledrived him on the steps ... That set off a feud between Lawler and Hart which has carried back-and-forth between the WWF and the USWA ... Owen Hart has joined his brother against Lawler and Jeff Jarrett ... Don't bet against Bret in this or any other feud ... The "Hitman" always gets his man!



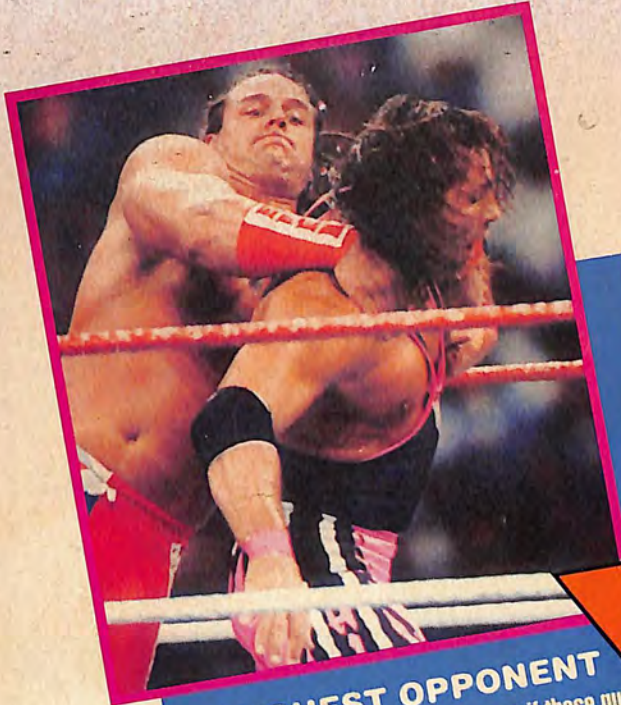




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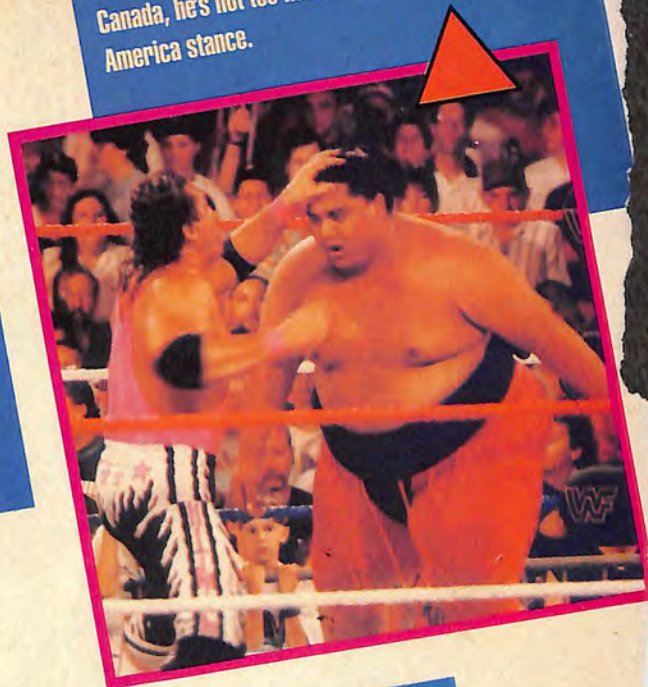
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TOUGHEST OPPONENT

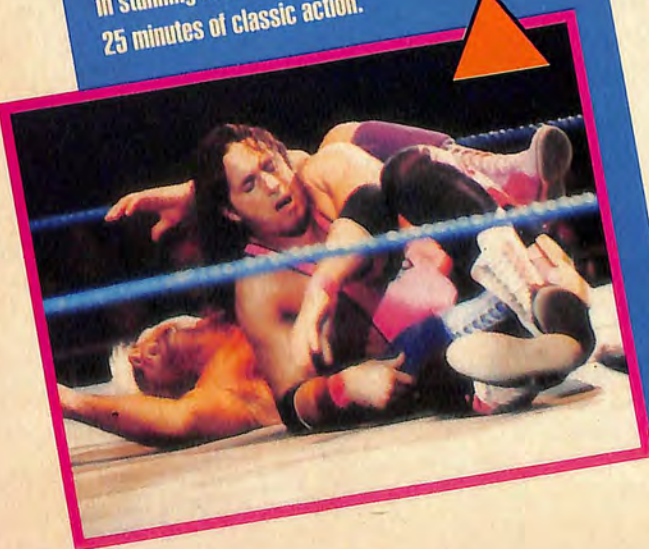
Davey Boy Smith. Doesn't it seem as if these guys have been wrestling forever? When The Hart Foundation was among the top tag teams in the WWF, Smith's British Bulldogs were always challenging them. When Hart became one of the top singles wrestlers in the WWF, Davey Boy beat him for the belt at SummerSlam '92.

MOST HATED OPPONENT
Yokozuna. Bret despises the Samoan Sumo master, who beat him for the WWF World title at WrestleMania IX but still hasn't won fair-and-square. Hart is bothered that Yokozuna has enough talent to win, but always relies on interference by manager Mr. Fuji. And although Bret was born in Canada, he's not too keen on Yokozuna's anti-America stance.



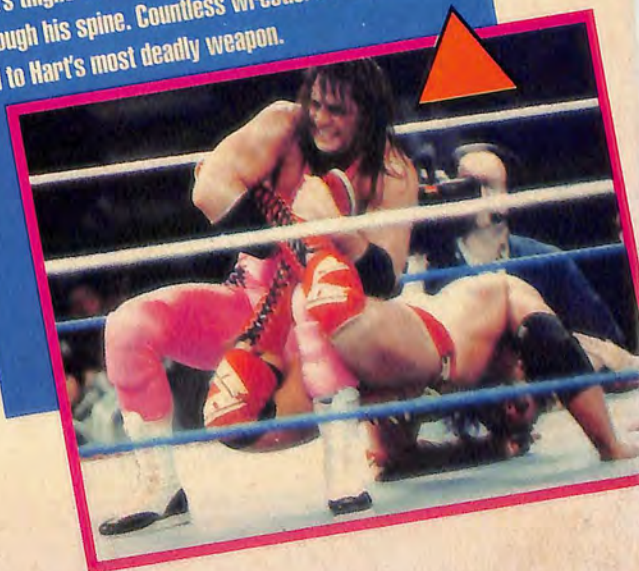
GREATEST MATCH

October 12, 1992, vs. Ric Flair. Less than two months after losing the Intercontinental title, Hart more than made up for it by beating this all-time great for the WWF World championship. Hart did it in stunning fashion. He forced Flair to submit after 25 minutes of classic action.



FAVORITE MANEUVER

Sharpshooter leglock. How can the "Hitman" not love a maneuver that has won so many matches for him? This ultra-painful version of Sting's scorpion deathlock puts excruciating pressure on an opponent's thighs and knees and sends pain shooting up through his spine. Countless wrestlers have submitted to Hart's most deadly weapon.



130. INVADER I (5'10", 227, 24, 228) Veteran formerly known as Jose Gonzalez ... Has won two WWC tag team titles with El Bronco I ... Famed for silver mask ... Was in the WWF earlier in his career.

131. AL PEREZ (6'1", 236, 11, 182) Former WCCW champ ... Inconsistent in Global, but the ladies still love this handsome Latin ... Sometimes a fan favorite, sometimes a rulebreaker ... Younger brother Lou also in "PWI 500."

132. JUNKYARD DOG (6'3", 305, 14, 112) Not hearing "Junkfood Dog" chants as often since slimming down ... Extremely popular in independents, occasionally competes in WCW ... Best maneuver remains the headbutt ... WCW and WWF star for many years.

133. MIKE DAVIS (5'11", 235, 16, 124) "The Maniac" is now a fan favorite ... Founded The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs ... Excellent foot speed, considering his experience ... Sidelined after being burned by Black Bart and Gen. Scandor Akbar.

134. DOINK II (6', 235, NA, NL) WWF clown clone nearly equal to the original, based upon his few solo stints ... Nearly as funny, too ... Coughs a lot from all the time he spends under the ring.

135. JOHN TATUM (6'2", 236, 10, 126) "Hollywood" can be credited with (or blamed for) bringing Missy Hyatt into wrestling ... Martial arts master recently left Global ... Valet Tessa was also one of his proteges.

136. BLACK BART (6'4", 261, 13, 212) This brawling rulebreaker from the Pecos is well-known throughout Texas wrestling ... A former World Class champion now in Global ... Intensely feuded with Bill Irwin throughout 1992.

137. MIGUEL PEREZ JR. (6'1", 232, 7, 308) A WWC favorite, just as popular as his father ... Is especially strong in marathon matches lasting 30 minutes or more ... Was Caribbean champion in 1991, beating Kim Duk.

146. THE CONVICT (6'5", 271, 8, 78) Huge brawler in independents, formerly known as Nailz ... Wrestling skills are nil ... Longtime rival of Big Bossman ... Says he's an ex-convict who was extensively tortured by the corrections officer.

147. SCOTT ARMSTRONG (6'11", 215, 10, 359) Is skilled, smart, but doesn't have the aerial ability of brothers Brad or Steve ... Excels at the superkick ... Once wrestled as Dixie Dy-no-mite ... Competitive in Smoky Mountain.

148. JOEL DEATON (6'5", 285, 7, 189) Shuttles between Japan and Georgia independents ... "The Outlaw" is knowledgeable, tough, and a Peach State mainstay ... Frequently teams with Billy Black ... Rulebreaker turned fan favorite.

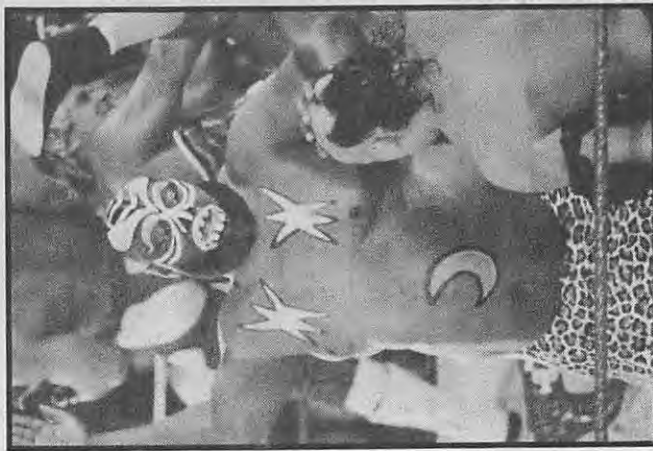
149. STEVEN DANE (6', 232, 6, 167) Formerly known as Steven Casey ... Competes in Global and other Lone Star State federations ... Debuted with a bang, taking on Eric Embry for World Class light heavyweight title in 1988.

150. DEAN MALENKO (5'9", 216, 13, 309) Great mat family—father Boris was a famed rulebreaker, while Dean, older brother Joe, and sister Debbie all excel in Japan ... Athletic Japanese-style wrestler ... Has appeared in WCW.

151. BRUTUS BEEFCAKE (6'4", 273, 10, NL) Longtime Hulk Hogan pal became his teammate in The Megamaniacs, WWF tag team contenders ... Recently wrestled solo, beat Terry Taylor in Europe ... Uncertain future if Hogan concentrates on acting.

152. IVAN KOLOFF (5'11", 249, 32, 137) The man who ended Bruno Sammartino's 7½-year reign as WWF champion in 1971 is still going strong ... Current champion in Western Ohio Wrestling and Great Lakes ... Slowed somewhat, but remains tough.

153. REX KING (5'11", 240, 6, 283) Has teamed with Steve Doll to win PNW, WWC, and USWA tag titles ... Now they're called Well Dunn, and beginning climb up the WWF ... Solid scientific skills ... Enjoyable to watch.



162. NAOKI SANO (5'9", 215, 10, 281) Arguably Japan's most dominant light heavyweight ... Has more than held his own against several visiting stars from the WWF ... Stocky, but smart ... In Super World Sports federation.

163. MIKE SAMPLES (6'2", 252, 2, 268) Improving, if arrogant, youngster ... Successful on the Tennessee independent scene ... Calculating mind, perfect build for the mat ... Wrestled in USWA under manager Bert Prentice; also refereed there.

164. PAPA SHANGO (6'6", 340, 4, 69) Violent voodoo master upset Jerry Lawler—in Memphis!—for USWA title ... Previously known as Soultaker, has also toured Japan ... Mid-card participant at best in WWF.

165. VAMPIRE WARRIOR (6'3", 263, 5, NL) Wears fangs, and also the USWA Southern belt after beating Jeff Jarrett ... To make things even scarier, he's an ally of Luna Vachon when she's in Memphis ... Extremely mysterious.



166. VIRGIL (5'11", 233, 8, 74) Former valet to Ted DiBiase slumped early in the year, appears to be coming back ... Excellent hand speed ... No one in WWF should take him lightly ... A determined wrestler.

171. KAMALA (6'7", 360, 19, 72) Veteran "Ugandan Giant" losing his savagery, beginning to run out of gas ... Second go-round in WWF hasn't helped this former USWA champ ... Underachiever, considering his size and strength.

172. TUGBOAT TAYLOR (6', 363, 13, 206) How can you not like that name? Former Olympic powerlifter from Iowa is current AWF heavyweight champ ... Unpredictable brawler, one-time rulebreaker in Global ... Veteran famed for corner smashes.

173. SUMITO (6'3", 288, 2, 386) Tenacious Samoan who is already feared despite his relative inexperience ... Dynamite headbutt ... Has worked on both sides of the Pacific, is now in Championship Wrestling USA.

174. TONY STETSON (5'10", 238, 8, 357) ECW's own "Hitman" ... Turned on former champion tag team partner Larry Winters, saying his actions caused them to lose the belts ... Beat Ivan Koloff in biggest solo victory.

175. J.T. SMITH (6', 238, 3, 344) Quick, lithe, aggressive ... Popular ECW star wows Philadelphia fans with dropkicks, off-the-rope maneuvers ... Was knocked off 20-foot balcony by The Dark Patriot ... Former Tri-State champion.

176. JOHNNY GUNN (6'3", 250, 8, NL) Has won various regional and Caribbean titles ... Most notable move is the Thesz press ... As a child, idolized Bruno Sammartino ... Wrestled in WCW and independents.

177. TERRY TAYLOR (6'1", 225, 13, 39) Once-underrated competitor's on the decline in the WWF ... Superb technical wrestler with many personas over the years (Terrence Taylor, The Red Rooster) ... Charter member of now-defunct York Foundation.

178. TEX SLAZINGER (6'7", 310, 3, NL) He and tag teammate Shanghai Pierce rarely beat the contenders, but WCW fans like him anyway ... Superb Texas deathdrop ... A brawler who might improve by adding some scientific skills.

179. BUSHWHACKER BUTCH (5'8", 238, NL) Rough and tumble veteran from New Zealand ... He and Luke become famed as The Sheepherders in 1980s ... Great ability to improvise on the mat ... Always a dangerous foe.

180. TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 265, 4, NL) Won Bahamas title ... Classic battles with Tony Atlas in IWCCW ... Sleeperhold called "Dreamland" is finishing move ... New York City native visits schools in anti-drug campaigns.

181. JERRY LYNN (5'10", 230, 5, 402) Extremely quick light heavyweight with an aerial style ... Very popular with PWA fans in Minneapolis-St. Paul ... Former Global light heavyweight champion ... Noted for his headscissors and suplexes.

182. BOOKER T (5'11", 250, 3, 200) Smooth, high-flying star, formerly in Global ... Brother of former GWF star Stevie Ray, where they teamed as the Ebony Experience ... Now part of Harlem Heat in WCW.

187. KEITH COLE (6'2", 235, 1, NL) Comprises WCW tag team with twin brother Kent ... Rookie pair were impressive, especially vs. Wrecking Crew ... Favorite hold is the armbar ... Hunting Beach, California, native must avoid sophomore jinx.

188. BUSHWHACKER LUKE (5'10", 235, NL) He and Butch just keep going and going ... WWF veterans popular with fans because they're so raucous, so unpredictable ... Intimidating New Zealander ... Still title threats.

189. CRUEL CONNECTION II (6', 255, 6, 459) Former NWA star is still green-clad, but no longer a rulebreaker after being attacked by George South ... He and Flaming Youth dominate PWF tag team scene ... Competent singles wrestler.

190. KENT COLE (6'2", 235, 1, NL) Keith's twin brother, and a force to be reckoned with in WCW tag competition ... Exceptional with the dropkick ... Was fan of Dusty Rhodes in his youth ... Plenty of potential.

191. AWESOME KONG (6'4", 440, 4, 241) Half of Colossal Kongs tag team, now in WCW ... Bulky and undisciplined, but his splash is breathtaking ... Feuding with Ric Flair and Sting ... Briefly held USWA title in 1991.

192. A.J. FRITZOID (6'2", 248, 4, 298) East Coast favorite known as the "Baddthing" ... Has feuded with Axl Rotten, Kirk Dredd, and The Sandman ... Expert at suplexes, slams, and counters ... Strong and speedy.

193. DUTCH MANTEL (5'11", 224, 20, 305) A legend of Southern wrestling ... Former CWA champion left USWA, remains competitive ... Calls his leather whip "shoo baby" ... Held baseball-style "fantasy camp" for wrestling fans ... Smoky Mountain TV analyst.

194. WAHOO McDANIEL (5'11", 250, 32, 231) Can't be taken lightly ... Ask Smoky Mountain's Killer Kyle, a McDaniels victim earlier this year ... Former pro footballer, former U.S. champ ... A favorite in the South Atlantic region.

203. RICKY RICE (6'1", 230, 6, 175) Nobody does the dropkick like this one-time pro boxer ... Started in AWA, took PWA belt in 1990 ... Has also competed in the WWF ... Minnesota native famed for bad attitude.

204. BOBBY FULTON (5'10", 220, 14, 222) Veteran founding member of The Fantastics ... Now competes in Smoky Mountain and other independent federations with younger brother Jackie ... Teamed with Tommy Rogers for years.

205. THE EQUALIZER (6'3", 250, 2, NL) Ranked 133rd in 1991's "PW 500" ... Started in Pacific Northwest, went to Japan, and now in WCW ... Crazy in the best Bruiser Brody tradition, but says he's his own man.

206. MOHAMMED THE BUTCHER (6'2", 290, 6, 498) The poor man's Abdullah ... A lookalike who maims and tortures just like you-know-who ... Knows a few holds, but makes Abdullah look like Bret Hart in comparison ... AWC competitor.

207. DANE RUSH (6'6", 255, 1, NL) One of Championship Wrestling USA's more physical grapplers ... Size is deceiving; he also can work off the top rope when needed ... Best finishing move is the spinning thrust kick.

208. THUNDER (6'3", 280, 2, NL) Former "Mr. Orlando" who teamed with Lightning to win IWF tag title ... Both are now in WCW ... Favorite holds are "Thunderbolt" and powerslam ... Atlanta native enjoys fishing.

209. WATSUMI THE RISING SUN (5'10", 230, 3, 282) Not many rulebreakers are technically exciting, but here's the exception ... High-flying Japanese martial arts master ... Appears in East Coast independents of late ... In early morning of his career.

210. THE SPIDER (6'3", 235, 6, NL) Mysterious WWA mainstay ... Among the most dangerous of independent wrestlers ... Masked man uses a scientific repertoire, can brawl if necessary ... Wants interederation match with ECW champion Tito Santana.

215. YOSHI KWAN (6'1", 222, 9, NL) Beginning to make his mark in WCW ... Has some martial arts skills, but is also surprisingly strong ... Managed by Harley Race ... Someone to keep an eye on in 1994.

216. JIMMY DEO (6'1", 327, 6, 196) "Maniac" is impressive, smart ... Pride of Blandon, Pennsylvania, is a big, burly brawler ... A fixture on the Mid-Atlantic independent scene ... Currently feuding with Neil Superior.

217. ITALIAN STALLION (6'3", 260, 10, 264) Broke his own world record for spaghetti-eating earlier this year (one pound—17 seconds!) ... PWF champion for more than two years ... Still occasionally appears on WCW telecasts.

218. THE IRON SHEIK (6', 262, 20, NL) Key figure in WWF history ... Dethroned Bob Backlund as World champ on December 26, 1983; lost it to Hulk Hogan 28 days later ... Former Iranian Olympian making comeback in Can-Am.

219. MOHAMMED HUSSEIN (5'11", 260, 9, NL) A four-time member of WWF champion tag teams, currently with Dusty Wolfe ... None better at throwing fireballs ... Has competed in Memphis, WCW, ICW, and Japan.

220. MAX THRASHER (6', 256, 6, 260) Don't call him the "Bounty Hunter" anymore, though he's still as money-driven as ever ... ECW mainstay has also won ACW belt, and is a two-time former AWF champion.

221. ICE TRAIN (6'2", 315, 1, NL) Rookie from Detroit is getting things going in WCW ... Intense competitor ... Has goal of taking care of family and friends ... Says Mr. T is his favorite actor.

222. DIRTY WHITE BOY (6'4", 280, 3, NL) Don't confuse him with Tony Anthony—this one hails from Cut and Shoot, Texas ... Pacific Northwest competitor ... Rather bulky, but has his moments ... Has a dangerous brainbuster.



183. GIANT GONZALES (7'7", 435, 3, 233) Ex-Argentine basketball player, formerly El Gigante in WCW, was equally ineffective in the WWF ... History's tallest wrestler never really found himself ... Ridiculous pseudo-caveman bodysuit didn't help him any.

184. MORGUS THE MANIAC (6'3", 239, 3, 500) Still as wild as ever, still accompanied by a doctor and nurse ... Has improved somewhat in the ring ... Madman has made many an enemy in East Coast independents.

185. RAY ODYSSEY (5'10", 225, 7, 170) San Diegoan carries surfboard into the ring ... Currently in WWA, as Chris Candido's tag team partner ... A three-time IWCW light heavyweight champ ... Has toured Puerto Rico for several years.

186. JIM POPE (6', 225, 2, 461) Gresham, Oregon, native has made his presence known in Championship Wrestling USA ... Favorite hold is suplex off the top rope ... Smart; you'll be hearing more from him.

195. MO (6'1", 260, 2, NL) Mabel's partner in Men On A Mission, the street-smart tag team making noise in the WWF ... Has a great deal of strength, ring guile ... Watch for him.

196. DICK MURDOCH (6'4", 280, 24, 139) Not getting older, just meaner ... Classic barroom brawler hated nearly everywhere he goes, including WWC and ECW recently ... Teamed with Adrian Adonis to win WWF World tag title in 1984.

197. JIM NEIDHART (6'1", 275, 14, 121) Bret Hart's former tag partner has lately wrestled for independents and WCW ... A straight-ahead brawler, "The Anvil" is so-so in singles ... At his best with an ideal teammate.

198. NEW JACK (6', 225, 1, NL) Rapper teamed with Homeboy to briefly hold USWA tag team title in June ... Not much in talent, but it was fun while it lasted ... Extremely enthusiastic.

199. SHANGHAI PIERCE (6'6", 281, 4, NL) What a great name for a wrestler. If only his ability was at that level ... Keeps on persevering in WCW with tag teammate Tex Slazenger ... Favorite hold is side suplex.

200. JOHN RAMBO (6'2", 260, 6, 334) Gung-ho rulebreaker who has competed in Europe, Japan, and now Championship Wrestling USA ... Favorite hold: "Anything that works" ... One-time patriot now teams with despised Col. DeBeers.

201. TOSHIKI KAWADA (5'10", 230, 12, 210) More efficient than flashy, but that hasn't prevented him from becoming one of All-Japan's most popular stars ... Top contender for most federation titles ... Won't beat himself.

202. STEVIE RAY (6'1", 244, 4, 220) Was GWF champion for several months, then left with Booker T to form WCW tag team ... Equally effective as single or tag wrestler ... Fan favorite throughout the Southwest.



211. JEFF GAYLORD (6'3", 255, 8, 193) Wrestles only occasionally in USWA, which keeps "Missouri Tiger" from cracking its top echelon ... Excellent build, solid backbreaker ... Once teamed with Jeff Jarrett to capture USWA tag title.

212. PEZ WHATLEY (5'10", 245, 18, 237) Was known as Pez in USWA and rule-breaking Shaska in South Atlantic ... Has wrestled all over the country, including the WWF ... A staple of Carolinas and other Southern independents.

213. BUDDY WAYNE (5'6", 202, 7, NL) Few are better at the cross-body off the top rope ... Small for a wrestler, but has lots of grit ... Up-and-comer in Championship Wrestling USA ... From Everett, Washington.

214. LA LEY (6'2", 244, 3, 266) "The law" in Spanish, this Puerto Rican police officer was once, of all things, a rulebreaker before turning fan favorite ... Will use his nightstick on WWC rivals when provoked.

223. BART SAWYER (6", 222, 3, 293) Is really named Steve, but was tagged with nickname because of resemblance to animation's Bart Simpson ... Popular in Pacific Northwest, has also competed in USWA ... Extremely speedy.

224. JOHNNY MANTELL (6'1", 233, 12, 103) Brings rope into ring, so you know he's a Texan, a West Texan at that ... Global semi-regular; also competes in Big D and other Lone Star federations ... Experienced wildman.

225. TERRY AUSTIN (6', 240, 2, NL) Despite his inexperience, he's already established a feud with PWF champion Italian Stallion ... Rulebreaking newcomer's best move is slingshot suplex ... In time, could become a significant star.

226. AXIS THE DEMOLISHER (6'2", 303, 6, 185) Was formerly known as AX, founding member of Demolition ... Teamed with Smash for one of the WWF's most dominating tag teams ... Wrestles intermittently for Georgia independents.

227. SAL BELLOMO (5'10", 240, 16, 276) You figure him out! Former WWF star (as Centurion Marsella) turned rulebreaker in '92, became ECW fan favorite in '93 ... Tosses stuffed animals into crowd ... As unpredictable as they come.

228. BIG D (6', 222, 2, 271) Nearly as much a hero in Dallas-Fort Worth as Juan Gonzalez or Troy Aikman (well, almost) ... Fan favorite, light heavyweight champion of Big D federation ... Has done well, considering his inexperience.

229. BRUISER BRIAN (6'2", 300, 2, NL) Competes in Championship Wrestling USA ... From Idaho Falls, Idaho ... As his name suggests, is anything but a scientific wrestler ... Favorite move is the power bomb.

230. RON CUMBERLEDGE (6'1", 235, 5, 340) Current Western Ohio champion ... Excellent dropkick ... Captured Great Lakes battle royal in 1992, eliminating Jerry Lawler to win event ... Also has been in WCW and the WWF ... Among Midwest's best.



231. KILLER KYLE (6'2", 292, 5, 389) Gained some weight over the year, and it's helped him become a consistent Smoky Mountain contender ... Serves as Jim Cornette's bodyguard ... Powerful, mysterious man in black ... Lost to Wahoo McDaniel.

232. PIERRE (5'11", 255, 1, NL) One of The Quebecers ... As rowdy as a Nordiques' enforcer ... He and Jacques are making some headway on the WWF tag team scene ... Some talent, just not very much.

233. D.C. DRAKE (6'1", 255, 9, 247) "Mad Dog" drools on along Eastern independents ... Former Tri-State and NWF champion ... Notorious for using any low tactic ... Feuded with Larry Winters for five years before reconciling.

234. TONY FALK (6'1", 240, 10, 152) One of the USWA's many referee/wrestlers, though he's basically a competitor now ... Was once a rulebreaker, but now has changed his stripes ... Often in lower reaches of federation rankings.

240. FURY (6'1", 275, 5, NL) Ally of Rage in Wrecking Crew ... They've won titles in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Florida, and Australia ... "Wrecking ball" is favorite finishing move ... Lists Killer Bees and Steiners as toughest foes.

241. JIMMY GARVIN (6'0", 225, 24, 61) Veteran Freebird, teaming with Michael Hayes ... Remains master of the DDT ... Has held several titles in Texas and other federations ... Calls Steiners toughest opponent ... Not quite as active in '93.

242. RYUMA GO (6', 255, 22, NL) Native of Aisugi, Japan ... Has made an impact on Oregon-based Championship Wrestling USA ... Somewhat more physical than your usual Japanese wrestler ... Favorite hold is Japanese facelock.

243. MOONDOG CUJO (6'4", 354, 3, 95) Even Elvis Presley would have disliked this Memphis hound dog ... Newest of the USWA champion crazy canines shares brutal instincts of Spike and Spot ... Makes Bastion Booger look fastidious.

244. BILL WILCOX (6', 223, 2, 153) One of 1992's better rookies ... Magnificent aerialist will continue to improve with time ... Must make more appearances to enhance his reputation ... Feuded with Freight Train Fulton in UCW.

245. BLACK TIGER (6', 223, 9, 280) A Japanese-style competitor now in that country ... Formerly in IWCCW ... Best known in North America for a classic 1985 match versus The Cobra at Madison Square Garden ... Quickly faded.

246. ROCKIN' REBEL (5'9", 219, 5, 400) Arrogant ECW star ... Handsome, and knows it ... Has long, heated feud with The Sandman, and vents frustrations on rival manager Miss Peaches ... Extensive experience in the WWF.

247. JIMMY VALIANT (6'3", 251, 23, 354) Veteran "Boogie Woogie Man" now in Southern Wrestling Alliance and other independents ... Won WWF World tag team title with brother Johnny in 1974 ... Formerly in USWA.

256. FRANK LANCASTER (6'1", 239, 11, 217) Over the years, this one-time ruffian has changed into a scientific star ... Has appeared in IWF, now generally restricts himself to ICWA and other Florida federations.



257. MONGOLIAN MAULER (6'2", 303, 9, 483) If those black eyes don't scare you, this will: He's now Abdullah the Butcher's protégé! ... Has no scientific skills whatsoever, just enjoys hurting people ... Europe familiar with his violence.

258. JEFF COLLETTE (6'1", 220, 3, 331) Small but speedy fan favorite turned rulebreaker ... Teamed with Stan Lane to win VWA tag team title in 1991 ... One of pro wrestling's genuine up-and-comers, regardless of attitude.

259. STEVE COLLINS (6'2", 258, 9, NL) Calls himself "The Party Animal." For his sake, let's hope he lasts longer than Spuds McKenzie ... Fort Lauderdale native now in AWC ... Once feuded with Eric Embry in Global.

260. RICK CONNORS (6', 240, 30, NL) Brass knuckle champion ... A veteran of the Southern independent scene, has fought virtually everybody ... Unparalleled rulebreaking skills ... Knoxville, Tennessee, native ... Won 60 percent of matches in past year.

266. DAMIAN DEMENTO (6'2", 258, 2, NL) Sadistic, sinister, in the WWF only occasionally ... Especially good at kneedrops to the skull, with a standing reverse neckbreaker as his finishing move ... Future appears iffy.

267. RAY GONZALES (6', 230, 3, NL) Carlos Colon has retired from the WWF; this 20-year-old aerialist may be his successor ... Won tag team title with Ricky Santana ... Trained by Miguel Perez and Invader #1.

268. AUSTIN STEELE (6', 233, 2, 466) Popular, but won't really reach elite status in WWF until he learns to pace himself ... Has an exceptional figure-four and flying forearm ... Aggressive, sometimes too much so.

269. TERRY SIMMS (5'10", 220, 6, 107) Former WWF light heavyweight champion remains among the Southwest's best ... At one time known as Terry Garvin, with effeminate image that vanished with name change ... Solidly skilled.

235. FLAMING YOUTH (5'11", 230, 2, 296) Still flaming, still young ... Partner of Cruel Connection II on PWF tag team champions ... Fans dote on his enthusiasm and style ... Could make some national impact in upcoming years.

236. KING KONG (6'4", 437, 4, NL) Teams with Awesome Kong in Harley Race's Colossal Kongs tag team ... Likes the splash; you would too at that size ... Now in WCW after terrorizing Global.

237. JACKIE FULTON (5'11", 225, 5, 230) Bobby's younger brother, and now his tag teammate ... Siblings now regularly appear in Smoky Mountain and other nearby federations ... Slightly taller, heavier, and stronger than Bobby.

238. DORY FUNK JR. (6'2", 240, 29, 249) Among the greatest NWA World champs, holding the belt from 1969 to 1974 ... Semi-retired now, occasionally competes in Japan, where he's still revered ... Terry Funk's brother ... Former IWCCW commissioner.



239. KILLER BROOKS (6', 285, 26, 366) The wildman from Waxahachie shows no signs of slowing ... Cigar chomper who loves to cause mayhem ... Competes in Global and many other federations throughout Texas ... The quintessential brawler.

248. ROBBIE EAGLE (5'10", 225, 2, NL) Raleigh, North Carolina, native has an extensive amateur background ... Smoky Mountain youngster is slowly working his way up ... Given sufficient experience, could become among the federation's best.

249. JOEY MAGGS (6', 233, 6, 405) Continues to be one of the sport's more underrated stars ... Fan favorite recently competed in WCW and Smoky Mountain ... Excellent at trading maneuvers with any opponent.

250. METAL MANIAC (6'2", 268, 2, 482) In Jordan, Europe, and U.S. this year ... Incredibly powerful bearhug ... Sports war paint to psych out opponents ... Negotiating with Japanese promoters for 1994 ... Perfected flying elbows/mash as best finishing maneuver.

251. DUSTY WOLFE (5'10", 230, 6, 419) Currently holds WWC tag title in Puerto Rico with Mohammed Hussein ... Was known as Dale Wolfe in the WWF ... Has been in many federations ... Won't back down from rulebreakers.

252. WOLFIE D (6'1", 250, 2, NL) USWA contender during much of '93 ... Has assuaged nervous male egos by repeatedly interfering in Jamie Dundee-Miss Texas matches, thus preventing her from winning USWA middleweight belt ... Really crazy.

253. LARRY WINTERS (5'10", 243, 10, 251) Philadelphia native remains competitive ... He and Tony Stetson were ECW tag champions, but fell out after losing to the Suicide Blonds ... Personable veteran ... Was NWF champ in 1986.

254. FLEX LAVENDER (5'11", 240, 3, 218) Feuding with IWCCW rival Joe Savoldi ... Superb physique ... Former bodybuilding champion who is too much in love with himself ... Excellent flying clothesline ... From Venice Beach, California.

255. FRANKIE ROSE (5'9", 245, 7, NL) Dominant figure in the ICWA ... Knows all the holds ... He and Lord of Discipline have had their share of great matches during 1993 ... One of the Southeast's best independent stars.

261. BOBBY BLAZE (6', 222, 2, NL) One-time wrestling roadie and college basketball player making mark in Smoky Mountain ... Enthusiastic fan favorite ... Pinned Tony Anthony for "Beat The Champ" TV title ... Keep an eye on him.

262. BILLY BLACK (6', 237, 4, 131) Arguably the most underrated North American currently wrestling in Japan ... Aerial style endears him to Asian fans ... Former Georgia TV champion ... Often teams with Joel Deaton.

263. MAD MAX ANTHONY (5'8", 240, 8, NL) Canadian has dominated Motor City Wrestling tag team scene with brother Iron Mike Anthony ... Also outstanding singles wrestler ... Trained by The Sheik ... Crescent-kick is finishing move.

264. MASAYOSHI MOTEKI (5'11", 200, NA, NL) Current WING junior heavyweight champion ... Has appeared on ECW cards ... What you'd expect a Japanese wrestler to be: disciplined and sound, with excellent aerial ability.



265. JOHNNY HOT BODY (5'10", 230, 5, 127) Has been banned from ECW, but he'll resurface somewhere for sure ... Violent former ECW champ ... Accidentally omitted from '91 "PWI 500," and he let us know it!

270. SKYFIRE (6'2", 240, 4, NL) With that name, you'd think he was an aerialist—and you'd be right ... Scientific wrestler who'll brawl if provoked ... An impressive dresser in the ring.

271. SHINOBI (6', 230, 2, NL) Masked man from Tokyo ... Debuted in ICW, now in Great Lakes independents ... Martial arts master ... Lost 26-minute falls-count-anywhere title match to Mickey Doyle ... Superb second-rope moonsault.

272. MR. SAITO (5'11", 247, 28, 82) Still competes regularly in Japan despite his years ... Best known in the States for teaming with Mr. Fuji a decade ago in the WWF ... Also a former AWA World champion.

273. THE SHEIK (5'11", 247, 41, 165) Defines sadism more than almost any other wrestler ... 69 years old, still competes—and destroys—in Japan, usually teaming with Sabu ... Shows no signs of mellowing.

274. GEORGE SOUTH (6'2", 234, 11, 321) PWF junior heavyweight champion is among the most determined competitors in any federation ... "Gorgeous George" has had heated cage match rivalry with Italian Stallion ... Extremely active in charitable causes.

275. AXEL ROTTEN (6'2", 302, 5, 370) One of the East's nastiest rulebreakers ... Frequently teams with brother Ian as Bad Breed ... Has speed not often seen in such a big man ... Fumed for feud with Nikolai Volkoff.

276. BRAD RHEINGANS (6', 248, 13, 177) Among the best trainers around, Minnesota native remains a respected competitor ... Former AAU champion teamed with Ken Patera for AWA tag title in 1989 ... Smooth, strong, a technical master.

277. IAN ROTTEN (6', 294, 3, 380) Brother Axel's tag teammate in Bad Breed ... Formerly Zak Blades, wearing a hockey mask ... Intent on destruction and little else ... Couldn't wrestle cleanly if his life depended on it.

278. MELVIN PENROD JR. (6'1", 351, 1, NL) A huge, fat nerd who nonetheless actually won a belt ... He and C.W. Bergstrom shared the USWA tag title before falling out ... Fell prey to Bergstrom's "Board Of Education."

279. JIM POWERS (5'11", 235, 7, 423) Paul Roma's tag teammate, long before The Four Horsemen ... Remained in the WWF, where he's struggled, but wins every now and then ... Wide range of moves, but plagued by inconsistency.

280. KARL POPE (6', 230, 2, 458) Has a slight edge in pro experience on brother Jim, but both are among the up-and-comers in Pacific Northwest's Championship Wrestling USA ... Works hard ... Exceptional moonsault.

281. KEN PATERA (6'1", 256, 20, 284) Semi-regular in Twin Cities' PWA ... Former U.S. Olympic weightlifter among the elite of his day, but that was long ago ... Former Intercontinental and AWA World tag team champion.

282. SLEDGEHAMMER MCGILL (6'2", 266, 3, 469) You wish someone with that name was a little more successful ... Former North Carolina state champion ... Brawling bruiser, once among Baltimore's most popular stars ... Great at using fists and feet.

283. SCOTTY MCKEEVER (6'1", 220, 1, NL) Dynamic PWF rookie ... One of the prime contenders for George South's junior heavyweight title ... Has made several appearances on WCW telecasts ... Seemingly bright future.

284. MONGOLIAN STOMPER (6'2", 235, 30, NL) Unpredictable veteran moved into lower reaches of Smoky Mountain rankings during 1993 ... Once among the most devious rulebreakers in Southern wrestling, he's gradually become a fan favorite ... Colorful, crazy, captivating.

285. BUBBA MONROE (6', 226, 6, NL) Son of Spunk Monroe, and a brawler just like his dad ... Former Texas All-Pro champion, now an AWF contender ... Also in Puerto Rico ... Unpredictable style ... Native of Alexandria, Louisiana.

294. BILL DUNDEE (5'7", 214, 19, 188) "Superstar" occasionally wrestles, but is better-known lately as Sir William, manager of WCW star Lord Steven Regal ... Has held dozens of regional titles ... Father of USWA's Jamie Dundee.

295. TOMMY FERRARA (5'11", 228, 9, NL) Captured PWA belt from The Hater, relinquished it weeks later ... Reckless style, absorbs punishment—it's nothing to this Vietnam vet, who was shot in action ... Currently out with damaged nerve.

296. RON GARVIN (6'2", 231, 28, 134) Still active in Puerto Rico and with independents ... Called "Hands Of Stone" for his punching power ... Biggest win came over Ric Flair for NWA World title in 1987.

297. TOMMY CAIRO (6'3", 257, 2, 396) "Ironman" is one of ECW's top stars, and its initial Pennsylvania state champion ... Extremely muscular, powerful fan favorite ... Remains competitive in federation despite its influx of name talent.

298. BILLY GUNN (6'3", 256, 1, NL) He and Billy, The Smokin' Gunns, are a tag team of the future in the WWF ... Need to face more top-flight opposition before becoming true contenders ... Has superb physique.

299. HAKU (6'1", 274, 16, 135) Martial arts specialist starring in Japan ... North American fans may recall him as Andre the Giant's partner on WWF World tag team champs in 1989 ... Formerly known as King Tonga.

300. BART GUNN (6'3", 256, 1, NL) Comprises outstanding rookie WWF tag team with brother Billy ... Fan favorite, especially with females ... Nice blend of power and speed ... Texan totes ivory-handled pistol on holster into the ring.

301. JOHN HAWK (6'7", 285, 1, NL) Amiable rookie from Sweetwater, Texas (also Barry Windham's hometown) ... Bruiser Brody disciple ... Won Global tag title with Bobby Duncum Jr. ... Former L.A. Raiders tackle ... Favorite finisher is "Lariat" clothesline.

306. STEVE LOMBARDI (6', 233, 8, 377) "Brooklyn Brawler" always gives his all, remains a lower-card mainstay in the WWF ... Popular with fans for his determination ... Was once managed by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

307. BULL PAIN (6'3", 266, 3, 199) Nasty South Carolinian just adores causing havoc wherever he goes ... Always accompanied by his valet Samantha ... Formerly in USWA and Global, now appears in other independent federations.

308. PSYCHO MIKE (5'11", 230, 3, 290) A fixture of Midwest independents ... Former Great Lakes champion ... Not as crazed as he wants you to think he is ... Not all that well-conditioned, either.

309. BOBBY ROGERS (5'10", 225, 4, 453) Claims he's Buddy Rogers' grandson, and read eulogy at "Nature Boy's" funeral ... Is credited with bringing Tatanka into wrestling ... Former UWF light heavyweight champion ... Patterns style after Rogers.

310. BLACK SCORPION (6'1", 247, 4, NL) Mystery man is known to have some ties with Ole Anderson, but that's about it ... Feuded with Sting in WCW, now does same with Italian Stallion in PWF ... Incredibly intense.

311. ADRIAN STREET (5'7", 236, 32, 171) Though the "Adorable" one has an effeminate manner, he is pound-for-pound as tough as anyone ... Makes the rounds of the southern independents ... Native of South Wales.

312. NIKOLAI VOLKOFF (6'7", 280, 25, 224) Crowds now boo his singing strictly for aesthetic reasons ... Former Soviet turned loyal American remains popular in some independents ... Rumored to be returning to the WWF.

313. KENDALL WINDHAM (6'5", 230, 9, 213) Barry Windham's younger brother frequently appears in Florida independents ... Son of Blackjack Mulligan is nowhere as muscular as Barry, but is nonetheless tough ... Lots of ring savvy.

319. DR. JOHNNY WILDSIDE (6'8", 290, 2, 478) Is the good doctor still good now that Nurse Vanessa is no longer by his side to distract opponents? ... Jury's out on that one ... Holds his own in Pennsylvania independents.

320. THE HONKY TONK MAN (6'1", 256, 14, 159) His story is familiar by now ... Elvis impersonator lookalike set WWF record for longest tenure as Intercontinental champion ... One of the most hated stars on the Southern independent scene.

321. SILVER SHADOW (6'2", 235, 1, NL) Among the more popular competitors in Oregon-based Championship Wrestling USA ... Billed as "from anywhere" ... A master of the Japanese sleeper ... Dangerous when taken lightly.

322. RICKY GONZALEZ (6'1", 215, 6, NL) Native of Harlingen, Texas, near the Mexican border ... Has been on champion tag teams in several Lone Star-based federations, including the AWU ... Wrestles singles every now and then.

323. IRISH MICKEY DOYLE (5'11", 221, 23, NL) Veteran from Michigan has won many regional titles ... Noted opponents include Killer Brooks and Greg Valentine ... Former tag partner of Bruno Sammartino ... Exceptional piledriver ... 1971 NWA Rookie of the Year.

324. THE HATER (6'4", 265, 4, NL) Foulmouthed rulebreaker is currently PWA champion in Minnesota, exchanging belt back-and-forth with Tommy Ferrara ... Was once known as The Punisher ... Does charity work, is probably ashamed of it.

325. SAM HOUSTON (6'2", 222, 10, 162) Former Global TV champ now wrestles in the Carolinas and the Virginia Wrestling Association ... Long, lean Texan who's content to be an independent ... Has a fabulous crushing bulldog headlock.

326. MICHAEL HAYES (6'1", 255, 14, 56) Founding member of The Freebirds, but "P.S." and Jim Garvin may have seen better days ... Will always be famed for rivalry with Von Erichs ... Crafty competitor ... Watch his prebort moonwalk.

286. MOONDOG SPIKE (6'2", 344, 4, 150) Woof! ... Knows no wrestling holds whatsoever, yet still causes havoc in USWA, winning tag title with fellow MoonDog Cujo ... Slovenly, vile, violent, repulsive—you choose the adjectives.

287. VITO MUSSOLINI (6'3", 274, 5, NL) Attention, Global fans: This guy was once known as Kenny Stinger ... Now reigns over GWF's tag team scene, along with Guido Falcone ... Must improve solo skills before becoming "Il Duce."

288. LORD OF DISCIPLINE (6'6", 285, 3, NL) Former heavyweight champion in Tampa-based ICWA ... As you might guess, he's a rulebreaker ... Has had intense rivalry with Frankie Rose ... This man is tough.

289. CUBAN ASSASSIN (6'1", 246, 14, NL) Back on the list after a year's absence ... Also known as Top Gun Assassin ... Has competed in Global and many other federations ... Trains wrestlers when he's not competing.

290. MABEL (6'10", 444, 2, NL) With a name like that, he'd better be tough, and is ... Teams with Mo in Men On A Mission, the WWF's popular new hip-hop tag team ... Strong.

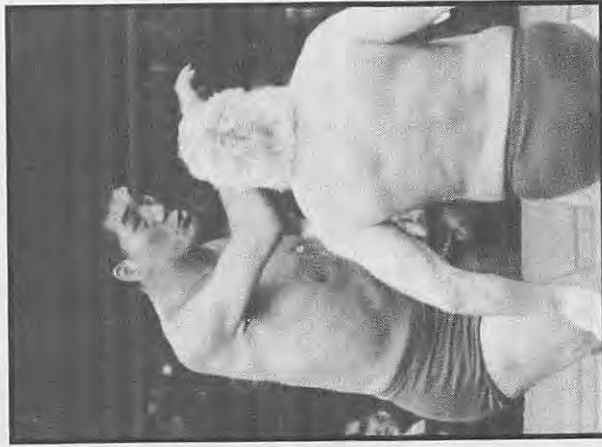
291. PRESTON STEELE (6'2", 233, 6, 311) If Mel Gibson wrestled, this is who he'd be, some Eastern female fans say ... "Ultimate Male" has won the IWA U.S. title, veteran of independents ... Trained by Domenic DeNucci.

292. BILLY BLAZE (6'11", 240, 2, NL) Strong competitor in Twin Cities-based PWA ... Crafty, intelligent ... Don't confuse him with Smoky Mountain's Bobby Blaze ... Is among the more dangerous independent stars in the Upper Midwest.

293. MANNY FERNANDEZ (6', 245, 15, 91) Wrestling's "Raging Bull" will face anyone, anywhere ... Has returned to Texas after competing in nearly every federation of note ... Won NWA World tag title with Dusty Rhodes in 1984 and Rick Rude in 1986.

302. HOMEBOY (6', 220, 4, NL) From the street, bro ... He and New Jack meteorically rose to the top, winning USWA tag team title ... Descended just as fast ... Popular with fans during brief stay.

303. BILL IRWIN (6'1", 250, 20, 70) Lost "retirement" match in Global, but that didn't stop him ... As tough as they come ... He and brother Scott formed The Long Riders tag team in the mid-1980s.



304. GIANT BABA (7', 315, 32, NL) Three-time former NWA champion now mainly in tag team matches ... A Japanese legend, famed for "big foot" kick and judo chops ... Much slower these days; can still scare opponents.

305. LIGHTNING (6'3", 280, 2, NL) Not to be confused with erstwhile Lightning Kid ... This guy teams with Thunder (surprise!) in WCW; they're former IWF tag champs ... Idolizes Blackjack Mulligan ... Master of "Lightning bolt," suplexes.

314. GLADIATOR II (6', 240, 8, NL) Was strictly tag competitor earlier in career, but has wrestled solo past four years ... Formerly in NWA, now in PWF ... Fundamentally sound, unbelievably mean ... Can't be taken lightly.



315. CHEETAH KID (5'9", 225, 12, 285) African masked man ... Competes in the high-flying Japanese manner ... Easily adapts to any opponent's style ... Famed for daring leaps to ringside ... In Eastern independents, rapidly gaining an international reputation.

316. RAGE (6'1", 275, 4, NL) Teams with Fury in Detroit-based Wrecking Crew ... Smart, tough twosome has held its own in WCW ... Had memorable rivalry with Rick and Scott Steiner, including 1991 match at Meadowlands.

317. RUSSIAN ASSASSIN II (6'2", 243, 6, 383) Masked man is one of the original pair that terrorized NWA under Paul Jones' management ... Now in PWF ... A mauler with lots of fight ... Carries Russian flag with him everywhere.

318. MIKE ANTHONY (5'10", 205, 3, NL) A native of Calgary, but trained in Mexico City ... Current WING junior heavyweight champion known as "Canadian Tiger" by Mexican fans ... Fan favorite now in Puerto Rico.

327. ISHINRIKI (5'9", 200, 2, NL) The smallest sumo wrestler to become a yokozuna ... A top favorite in Japan's NOW federation, presently in WWF ... Extremely strong, but has surprising aerial skills considering his background.

328. SILVER KING I (5'11", 221, 8, NL) Mexican star, briefly in WCW with tag partner Silver King II; they're former UWA champs ... Past opponents include Bad News Allen and Bam Bam Bigelow ... Strong reverse flip outside ring.

329. STEVE DOLL (5'10", 237, 9, 261) He and Rex King, formerly the Southern Rockets, dominated USWA tag team scene before joining the WWF as Well Dunn ... Former tag teammates include Crush and Scott Peterson ... Enthusiastic aerialist.

330. LOU ANDREWS (6'4", 285, 2, NL) Big, strong veteran of Pacific Northwest, now in Championship Wrestling USA ... Laredo, Texas, native who loves a good fight ... Favorite move is the reverse piledriver.

331. GUIDO FALCONE (6'4", 284, 5, NL) Known as "Sweet Daddy" Falcone in Global earlier this year ... Sure, he's bulky, but nonetheless capable ... Now teams with Vito Mussolini as GWF's tag team champions.

332. BASTION BOOGER (6', 345, NA, NL) The man who defines disgusting ... Big rulebreaker who does indescribable things (guess from his name) to opponents ... We'd root for him against Col. DeBeers, but perhaps nobody else.

333. BARRY HOROWITZ (5'10", 227, 14, 114) Known as "The Winner," a title that's usually inaccurate ... WWF and WCW veteran who twice held Global light heavyweight title in 1992 ... An independent of late ... Knows nearly every hold.

334. JIM BRUNZELL (5'10", 234, 21, 142) Occasional WWF participant these days ... Master of the dropkick ... Formed The High Flyers with Greg Gagne, and they won AWA tag titles in 1977 and 1981.

335. BARON VON RASCHKE (6'3", 271, 27, 350) After all these years, the German master continues to be a threat ... Master of the claw-hold ... Famed for long feud with Verne Gagne ... Competes in PWA and other Minnesota independents.

336. BUDDY LANDELL (6', 236, 13, 163) The other "Nature Boy" is now a preacher ... In the ring, he remains a rulebreaker, though his appearances are infrequent of late ... Competes in assorted federations.

337. DR. JERRY GRAHAM JR. (6'1", 244, 12, NL) Comprises Graham Brothers with Prof. Jack ... They won WWA tag title as Bruiser Bedham and Chris Carter ... Fundamentally sound ... Is feuding with New Fabulous Kangaroos in UWA.

338. HORACE BOULDER (6'2", 240, 3, 257) Will never be the star uncle Hulk Hogan was, but doing fine, thank you ... Competes in Japan; won FMW tag team title with Sabu ... His style is nothing like Hogan's.

339. B. BRIAN BLAIR (5'10", 235, 11, 174) Competes in Florida independents, also operates gym in Tampa ... Comprised Killer Bees tag team in the WWF with Jim Brunzell ... Defeated a young Rick Rude for Southern title in 1985.

340. BERSERKER (6'6", 316, 9, 52) Nearly vanished from sight during 1993 ... Did compete on some cards earlier this year ... Formerly managed by Mr. Fuji while in the WWF ... Inconsistent, unfocused career.



349. NEIL SUPERIOR (6'4", 267, 3, 149) IWCCW and Baltimore-area favorite fell back a bit, but remains a threat to any opponent ... Former South Atlantic champion ... Smooth and scientific, but can brawl if need be.

350. LANNY POFFO (6', 228, 19, 238) Randy Savage's younger brother has had a successful wrestling and managerial career in his own right ... Competes in European independents ... A skilled gymnast with a fluid style.

351. BRIAN ARMSTRONG (6'4", 240, 1, NL) Back from Operation Desert Storm, the youngest and tallest of the Armstrong brothers is a Smoky Mountain rookie ... Has the skills; learning how to harness them ... Being broken in slowly.

352. TOMMY ROGERS (5'9", 222, 13, 253) Semi-retired, although he tours Japan several times annually with former Fantasies partner Bobby Fulton ... They held WCW U.S. tag title twice in 1988 ... Feisty, knows all the holds.

353. LOU PEREZ (6', 223, 7, 244) Al Perez' brother ... Unlike Al, his style is purely scientific ... Formerly held PWF light heavyweight title ... As solid as they come ... Still has a bright future.

354. WHITE CLOUD (6', 244, 2, NL) Superb Native American competitor, teams with Dancing Wolf as The Sioux War Party ... They've dominated IWCCW tag scene for more than a year ... No toilet paper jokes, please.

355. BOB ROOP (6'1", 250, 25, NL) Veteran star who wrestles only occasionally these days ... Succeeded the late Buddy Rogers as AWC commissioner in 1992 ... Former Olympic wrestler is working on his third book.

356. AGENT ORANGE (5'10", 221, 3, 391) Bitter Vietnam veteran who feels betrayed by U.S. government ... Current Virginia Wrestling Association champion, also competes in Maryland ... Masked rulebreaker in military outfit ... Feuded with Nikolai Volkoff.

361. MIKE GRAHAM (5'8", 232, 17, 100) WCW talent coordinator also wrestles from time to time ... Son of legendary Eddie Graham ... A clean, scientific wrestler ... Won NWA light heavyweight title, also Florida champ.

362. LARRY CAMERON (6'1", 280, 7, 155) Chicago-style brawler (his father was a Windy City club fighter) now in Minnesota-based PWA ... Former member of NFL's Denver Broncos ... Held the Stampede North American title in 1989.

363. MARK STARR (5'11", 235, 7, 278) Is usually found in Florida these days ... Incredibly versatile wrestler for his age ... Former Wildside member with Chris Champion; they won CWA tag team title in 1989.

364. CHARLIE FULTON (6'2", 240, 25, 427) Former Western Ohio champion, remains title contender ... Better known of late for running wrestling school in Ohio ... Has competed in Japan, Europe, and virtually every federation you can name.

365. KING KALUHA (5'10", 247, 9, 328) Born and raised in Hawaii, but an East Coast mainstay ... A solid competitor who has also toured the Far East and Europe ... Former Pacific heavyweight champion ... Respected by opponents.

366. DENNY KASS (5'11", 225, 12, NL) Australian, half of the revived Fabulous Kangaroos ... Former Olympic wrestler who trained under Al Costello ... Scientific star with extensive Midwest and Canadian experience, also in WCW and the WWF.

367. DERRICK DUKES (6'2", 235, 7, 236) Perhaps best known for losing boxing match to former pro football player Mark Gastineau ... A more-than-competent wrestler ... Currently competes in Midwestern independents and in Europe.

368. CHICK DONOVAN (6', 245, 13, 267) A muscular veteran of Georgia independent federations ... Former competitor in World Class before moving to Peach State ... Has power, employs it well ... Fundamentally sound.

377. CHRIS WALKER (6'2", 254, 4, 240) Sporadically competes in Georgia independents ... Had a brief WWF stint in 1992 ... Limited, but aerial skills are unquestioned ... He and Steve Simpson won initial Global tag team title.

378. TOMMY JAMMER (5'11", 245, 5, 286) Handsome "California Kid," beloved by female fans in AWA and now PWA ... Skills are good, but his career is stalling ... A change in federations might give him a fresh start.

379. AL SNOW (6'1", 237, 11, NL) Melbourne native teaming with Denny Kass on revived Fabulous Kangaroos ... A high flyer who complements his partner's more orthodox style ... Has competed in many federations, including WCW and the WWF.

380. AKRON AL HUSSIAN (5'10", 240, 6, NL) Can be smooth and strong, or he can be violent ... Mercurial wrestler who's held several titles among southern independents ... A 75 percent winning percentage this year.

381. CHRIS HAHN (6'1", 251, 3, NL) Also known as Johnny Paradise ... Previously in WWF, wrestled Shawn Michaels there ... Former Western Ohio light heavyweight champion, lost title due to weight gain ... Tag team partner of Scotty Summers.

382. MIKE JACKSON (5'10", 222, 15, 277) Competes in Deep South independents ... Former Alabama junior heavyweight champion ... Solid veteran with excellent ring skills, but struggles against larger foes ... "Mighty Mike" has occasionally appeared in WCW.

383. ROCKY JONES (5'11", 234, 10, 239) Scientific star with WWF experience, extremely popular in New Jersey and elsewhere in the East ... Likable former NWF champion who recently made a comeback in IWCCW ... Still looks sharp.

384. DISCO INFERNO (5'8", 187, 2, NL) Somewhere, Andy Kaufman is smiling ... Entered USWA claiming to be "intergender" champ, but has usually lost to Miss Texas and male competitors as well ... Tries hard, but that's about it.

341. BUTCH REED (6'2", 265, 15, 116)
When he's not ropin' dogies on the rodeo circuit, he's bringing down rivals in Midwest independents ... Won WCW World tag title with Ron Simmons as Doom; they feuded, then reconciled.

342. DOGCATCHER I (5'10", 220, 3, NL)
Part of masked team that rounded up The Moondogs to win the USWA tag title ... Used ring savvy to outdo the Dogs' madness ... Fun rivalry continues.

343. IVAN PUTSKI (5'10", 242, 25, 263)
Among the WWF's greatest stars in his prime ... Putski patriarch, father of Scott and rookie Brent ... Periodically appears in Texas independents ... Won World tag title with Tito Santana in 1979.

344. BIG BULLY BUSICK (6'1", 255, 7, 194)
Semi-retired Georgia fixture ... Former Georgia All-Star champion, also in North Georgia Wrestling Alliance ... Was briefly in WWF ... Savage, overpowering ... Developed a notorious heart punch in recent years.

345. BLARE ROGERS (5'10", 225, 2, NL)
Bobby Rogers' brother ... Far less experienced ... Known for Doink-like move of taking Bobby's place in the ring while match is in progress ... In Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council.

346. BUDDY ROSE (6', 399, 20, 265)
"Playboy" slowing down of late, from both age and gravity ... His ring weight once was 217 ... Far slimmer in 1987, when he won AWA tag title with Doug Somers.

347. DANCING WOLF (5'11", 233, 2, 234)
Comprises half of The Sioux War Party with White Cloud ... They've been IWCCW tag team champions for more than a year ... Rallies fans, and rattles foes, with tomahawk chops.

348. DOGCATCHER II (6'1", 240, 5, NL)
Picked up some strays named Cujio, Spot, and Spike ... He and his masked teammate ended the Moondogs' dominance of the USWA tag scene ... No friend of canines.

357. CALVIN KNAPP (5'9", 226, 2, NL)
Career in doubt after being injured by Kongs, requiring surgery on his right knee ... Former Global light heavyweight champion is a solid, dedicated weightlifter ... Known as "Hardbody" for his build.

358. WAYNE ROGERS (5'11", 229, 20, NL)
Known as "King Of The Southern Ring" (don't tell Bret Hart or Jerry Lawler) ... Kingsport, Tennessee native ... Current SSW heavyweight champion ... Will take on anyone.

359. KEITH HART (5'6", 205, 8, NL)
From Sevierville, Tennessee; not related to the Calgary Hart clan ... A Japanese-style aerialist ... Very fast, with fancy moves ... Not afraid to take risks in ring.



360. RASTA THE VOODOO MON (6'1", 239, 3, 497)
Started voodoo craze in the ring several years ago ... Remained obscure while Papa Shango and friends took the credit (or blame) ... Jamaican on short end of feud with Neil Superior.

369. DEATH ROW #3260 (6'3", 280, 4, 445)
Former prison inmate ... Usually competes in Florida, but has also appeared in WCW and the UWF ... Managed by The Warden ... Wears illegal steel-toed work boots into ring.

370. GIANT WARRIOR (7', 324, 4, 273)
Supersized former Global star has moved on to Puerto Rico, other Caribbean independents ... Despite his size, not all that strong or powerful ... Not trying to achieve too much too soon.

371. ONE MAN GANG (6'7", 468, 16, 102)
Former UWF champion, once known as Akeem ... Has never learned to harness his size ... Nevertheless has starred in nearly every federation he's appeared in.

372. S.D. JONES (6'1", 240, 31, 197)
Proof nice guys don't necessarily finish last ... Personable "Special Delivery" has competed in WWF, as well as IWCCW and Universal Wrestling Superstars ... Well-known for his headbutts.

373. RON STARR (5'11", 235, 25, 259)
"Rotten Ron" was notorious for his brutality in the WWF ... Mainly wrestles independents these days ... When not taking long layoffs from action, as brutal as they come.

374. TOMMY RICH (6', 248, 16, 115)
Former NWA World champion disappointed in 1992 WCW stint, returned to independents ... Famed for finishing "Lou Thesz" press ... Memorably feuded with Buzz Sawyer ... Was once in now-defunct York Foundation.

375. SILVER KING II (5'9", 209, 15, NL)
Native of Mexicali, Mexico teams with Silver King I, was briefly in WCW ... An intelligent mat veteran whose best move is a figure-four ... One of Mexico's most respected competitors.

376. AMERICAN G.I. (6'3", 240, 3, NL)
Patriotic sort, and a big fan favorite in the PWF ... Renowned for determination, will fight until the end ... Is frequent tag team partner of Italian Stallion.

385. NIGHTMARE #1 (6'1", 260, 12, NL)
Part of masked duo dominating Great Lakes independents since 1988 ... He and #2 have been Motor City Wrestling and ICW champions numerous times ... Managed by The Gypsy since mid-1992.

386. BLAZE BIGELOW (6'2", 258, 6, NL)
Florida ruffian competes in Miami-based AWC ... Wrestles solely to dispense pain ... Has virtually no ring sense whatsoever ... He's no Bam Bam, that's for sure.

387. CRYBABY BUXTON (5'9", 294, 2, NL)
Waaaah! ... There's a method to this whining man-child's madness. It helps distract opponents ... Irritates Global foes and fans alike ... Chris Candido's dream baby-bottle/diaper opponent.

388. BO DACIOUS (6', 230, 2, NL)
Hails from Huber Heights, Ohio ... Up-and-coming fan favorite ... Has appeared in various Midwest independent federations, is now in Western Ohio Wrestling ... Simply needs more experience.

389. DAN SEVERN (6'2", 265, 1, NL)
Coldwater, Michigan ... Captured over 30 international amateur titles, one of them at the Pan-American Games ... Stars in Japan's UWF federation ... Former Michigan State star in Motor City Wrestling.

390. GLADIATOR (6'3", 265, 8, NL)
Native of Lake Jackson, Texas ... A contender for the AWU heavyweight title ... Has wrestled throughout the U.S. ... Apparently not connected to the PWF's Gladiator II.

391. HAYSTACKS CALHOUN JR. (6'4", 526, 3, NL)
Claims to be the late super-heavyweight's son ... Nowhere as adept as his father, if that's actually the case ... Nevertheless, a difficult opponent due to his size ... In Florida independents.

392. MIKE INCOGNITO (5'9", 218, 6, NL)
Current teammate of Max Moon in Florida-based AWC ... Renowned for his quickness ... A one-time tag teammate of Marty Jannetty ... Occasionally competes in singles.

393. RUSTY BROOKS (6', 352, 10, NL) Former member of ICW champion tag team with Dr. Red Roberts ... Claims to be king of independent wrestling ... Texan now in Florida's AWC ... Faced Hulk Hogan in 1986 televised bout.

394. KIRK DREDD (5'11", 237, 4, 385) Fan favorite on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line (Pennsylvania and Maryland) ... Current Atlantic Wrestling Federation heavyweight champ ... Knowledgeable, but temperamental ... "Killer Hit" is favorite move.



395. SUNNY BEACH (6'4", 232, 8, 168) Well-traveled Californian has left Japan for East Coast independents ... Renowned for his magnificent German suplex ... Got on the map in 1991 through his feud with Cactus Jack.

396. BILLY BROOKS (5'11", 246, 7, NL) Can be a technician or a brawler, depending upon the situation ... Former IWF competitor is now in AWC ... He and Brett Blair comprise the Bad Boys.

405. HILBILLY WILLIE (6'3", 420, 2, NL) PWF contender trained by Italian Stallion ... As might be expected from a big man, the splash is his finishing move ... Carries a live raccoon into the ring at every match.

406. DANIE BRITS (6', 235, 10, NL) Claims to hold "world title" in South Africa ... A 10-time national amateur titleholder ... Sold out every South African arena for series of matches against Tiger Jeet Singh ... Now in WWC.

407. G.Q. KNIGHT (6', 200, 2, NL) Current AWU light heavyweight champion ... Smart, versatile, knows all the holds ... Often too small to compete against far larger rivals ... Has some long-range potential.

408. T.J. JACKSON (6'3", 404, 6, NL) Miami native in hometown Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Has won tag team title with The Miser ... Volatile-tempered rulebreaker ... Has been known to assault fans, promoters, and family members.

409. BRETT BLAIR (6', 242, 6, NL) Partner of Billy Brooks in Bad Boys ... Skilled, but can be a mite cocky at times ... Also manages several women wrestlers ... Has a shady reputation.

410. THE RAM MAN (6'3", 391, 6, NL) Not noted for headbutts, despite the name ... Excellent standing dropkicks, flying bodyblocks, and top rope maneuvers ... AWC heavyweight champion ... Astonishing quickness and agility for someone his size.

411. CRUSHER DAVIDSON (6'4", 338, 13, NL) The "Motorcycle Maniac" competes in many independents ... Memphis native is current top contender in Dayton-based Western Ohio Wrestling ... At one time in AWA, World Class, and WWA.

412. ALEX SHANE (5'7", 215, 2, NL) Fan favorite—they always want him to come back ... Marion, Virginia, native who's extremely quick ... Has excellent ring knowledge, considering his youth ... Very bright future.

421. JEFF O'DAY (6'2", 235, 3, NL) Native of Sydney, Australia, has competed in WCW ... Son of Larry O'Day, who, not surprisingly, is his favorite wrestler ... Good suplex ... Was part of Austral-Asian tag team champs in 1990.

422. KILLER (6', 255, 8, 232) Sadistic ... Partner of fellow masked man Psycho in the Texas Hangman tag team ... Underrated, if brutal, duo has won WWC and USWA tag titles ... Currently in Midwest independents.

423. JEFF VICTORY (6'1", 230, 3, NL) Great name ... PWF newcomer eager to learn, will wrestle or fight with anyone ... Enthusiastic sort who has a great future ahead of him if he'll only learn to relax.



424. ROCHESTER ROADBLOCK (6'8", 375, 4, 248) Gargantuan star formerly in Japan and NAWA, now in Puerto Rico ... Another product of Larry Sharpe's "Monster Factory" ... Likes covering his foes with a large wooden roadblock, hence the name.

429. SHAWN SUMMERS (6', 231, 2, 270) Among 1992's best rookies ... Superb rulebreaker in Global, has since moved to East Coast independents ... Frequently interferes in matches ... A talented wrestler when he chooses to be.

430. JUDGE DREAD (6'6", 334, 3, 289) Don't dare be convicted by his stare ... Michigan native in Great Lakes independents after stint in USWA ... Frighteningly powerful big man says little, lets his wrestling do the talking.

431. STAR RYDER (6'2", 211, 2, 457) Colorfully attired PWF star shows great promise ... Had series of brutal barbed wire matches with George South throughout 1993, is only now recovering ... Often participates in federation's anti-drug programs.

432. REGULATOR STEEL (5'8", 202, 5, NL) Waco, Texas, native won many tag titles with former partner Regulator Stone ... Equally effective solo ... Quick aerialist delights southern fans with flying bodypress ... Won 80 percent of 1992-93 matches.

433. CHIEF DENNIS CREAMER (6'1", 225, 1, NL) Part-time wrestler in AWC ... Actual chief of police in Broward County, Florida ... Currently feuding with Prime Time Dee over the 2 Live Crew censorship incident.

434. SCOTTY SUMMERS (6'1", 250, 2, 463) "Hot Body" appears in ECW and Motor City Wrestling, where he's teamed with Johnny Paradise ... Cleveland native won Ohio title in 1991 ... One-time tag teammate of Ron Cumberland.

435. SKIPPY (6', 210, 5, NL) Former circus clown—picture Dink as a fan favorite ... Has entertained independent fans for years ... A high-flying acrobat who can wrestle tough when the need arises.

436. PRIME TIME DEE (6'1", 237, 3, NL) Close friend of controversial 2 Live Crew rapper Luther Campbell ... As nasty as he wants to be, but better known for his high-flying style ... Feuds with Chief Dennis Creamer.

397. DOC HOLLIDAY (6'5", 323, 3, NL) Houston native is top contender for AWF heavyweight title ... Has competed throughout U.S., as well as Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands ... Slow, intense, with "anesthesiologist" closing move.

398. JOHNNY K-9 (5'10", 235, 9, 464) "The Dog Of War" is now in Motor City Wrestling and several Ontario independents ... Managed by Handsome Johnny Bradford and The Gypsy ... Finisher is running clothesline ... Former WWF competitor.

399. RICK PATTERSON (6'3", 280, 9, NL) Vancouver emigre has gained star status in Mexico, where he's famed for frequently feuding with Mil Mascaras ... Also in WWF, as well as WING in Japan ... Violent brawler.

400. BOBBY WALES (5'9", 224, 8, NL) Hails from Kingston, Jamaica, is long-time Florida fan favorite and AWC standout ... Frequently wrestles in the Caribbean ... Teamed with Tyree Pride in Florida Championship Wrestling.

401. CHRIS PILLON (5'8", 245, 1, NL) "Smooth Mover," says Ric Flair is his favorite wrestler ... Rookie from Ontario's been impressive to date in Great Lakes region ... Managed by The Gypsy ... "Pillon piledriver" is his finisher.

402. ADRIAN HALL (6'2", 215, 4, 269) Yes, another effeminate wrestler named Adrian ... "The Insatiable One" frequently wears makeup in the ring ... Despised, but has won many regional titles in Maryland and vicinity.

403. BRENT PUTSKI (5'9", 200, 1, NL) Ivan's son, Scott's younger brother ... Not as big as either, but much faster ... Competes in WWF and other Caribbean federations ... Shows promise as a junior heavyweight.

404. DAVID CAPPS (5'9", 200, 8, NL) A very feisty Southern Wrestling Alliance junior heavyweight champ ... Calls himself "The Wild Thing," is extremely popular with Kentucky fans ... Small package is best finishing move.

413. DANIE VOGES (6'5", 265, 15, NL) Current South African heavyweight champion ... Tag team partner of countryman Danie Brits ... Trained by the legendary Jan Wilkens ... Presently in Puerto Rico ... Respected for his toughness.

414. BARRY HOUSTON (6'1", 210, 5, NL) Not related to wrestler Sam Houston, though he's also a Texan ... Quick, agile light heavyweight competes in Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Knows virtually every suplex in the book.

415. DINO HERNANDEZ (5'11", 185, 5, NL) Small in size, big in heart ... High-flying wrestler well-acquainted with both American and Mexican styles ... Contends in several federations on both sides of the border, including the AWF.

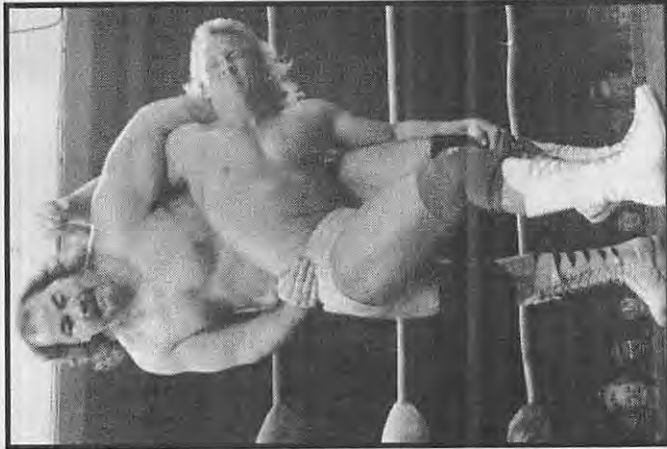
416. STEVE REGAL (6', 205, 18, 246) This one was ring royalty long before Lord Steven hit North America ... Two-time AWA light heavyweight champion, captured AWA World tag title with Jim Garvin ... Currently an occasional Midwest independent.

417. CRUSTY STAUBACH (6'2", 340, 1, NL) Both mentally and physically unstable ... Weight has ranged anywhere between 250 and 500 pounds ... Equally inconsistent wrestler ... Competes in AWC, other Florida federations ... Simply weird.

418. WICHITA WILLIE (5'9", 225, 4, NL) Current AWF and All-Pro Wrestling light heavyweight champion ... From the Jayhawk State, of course; his finishing hold is called the "Kansas Klapper" ... Methodical style confounds most of his foes.

419. FLEX WHEELER (5'10", 231, 2, NL) Hails from Strong, Pennsylvania ... A personable sort, known as "pro wrestling's first humanitarian" ... Incredible acrobatic skill, extremely crafty ... Watch for him in 1994, and beyond.

420. NIGHTMARE #2 (6'2", 250, 6, NL) A perfect complement to Nightmare #1, though not quite as experienced ... Among the best tag teams currently competing in Midwestern independents ... Formerly managed by Count Maurice and Gideon Wainwright.



425. AL MADRIL (6'1", 231, 21, 252) Retiring from Pacific Northwest wrestling, negotiating with Japanese promoters ... Veteran rulebreaker ... Sadist who's not averse to throwing fire ... Angered PNW fans with "Fiesta Garden" TV interviews.

426. TENNESSEE EQUALIZER (6', 256, 8, NL) Not related to the other one ... A brawler whose face is always painted ... Tag team partner of Chic White as The Death Riders in Volunteer State independents.

427. FERNANDO BULL (6'2", 265, 8, NL) Don't make this fellow see red! ... Smart, tough San Franciscan with plenty of ring savvy ... Faces the likes of Chris Adams in Texas-based AWW.

428. RICK GARREN (5'8", 200, 2, NL) Stocky and determined ... Has emerged as top contender for AWW light heavyweight title ... Only needs additional experience to become one of Southwest's premier independent competitors.

437. PLOWBOY WILBUR (6'4", 378, 1, NL) Extremely popular among Southwest fans ... As undisciplined as they come, yet talented ... Brings pet pig Freida into ring; porker was briefly kidnapped by rival manager Jackie Goldman.

438. TURBO ERIC FREEDOM (5'11", 205, 3, NL) Chicago native has been in several independent federations, including Motor City Wrestling ... Has also faced the likes of Jake Roberts in the WWF ... Uses flying bodypress finisher off top rope.

439. KILLER KANARECK (6'2", 235, 2, NL) Motor City rulebreaker trained by Iron Mike Anthony, now managed by The Gypsy ... Formerly known as "Dirty Dan" Kanareck ... Drew a month's suspension for assaulting MCW TV commentator Scott Sellers.

440. SCOTT D'AMORE (6', 232, 1, NL) Only 19, "Bluto's" already appeared in the WWF and WCW ... Calls Motor City Wrestling home, is trained by Irish Mickey Doyle ... Defeated Al Snow in 30-minute Ironman match.

441. SPARTAN GREG BOBCHICK (5'11", 239, 3, NL) Michigan State's answer to Scott Steiner? ... Trained by Ivan Koloff ... Motor City Wrestling's first TV champ, went 36-0-5 ... Currently sidelines after suffering bicep tear in loss to Mickey Doyle.

442. MANU FROM HAWAII (6'1", 320, 6, NL) The Aloha State's gift to Texas ... Pairs with his brother, The Big Kahuna, as The Hawaiian Crunch, AWW tag team champions ... Strong and dominating, but a bit slow.

443. PAUL LLOYD (6', 232, 12, NL) Called "The Pink Panther" because he's always dressed in that color ... Africa's most controversial wrestler, now in WWF ... 12-time national amateur champion with experience in Russia, Japan, and England.

444. GORILLA JOHNSON (6'1", 255, 14, NL) Great hometown: Snake Hill, Texas ... Rulebreaker trained by Buddy Roberts and Johnny Valentine ... Competes only in Texas and surrounding states ... Banned in Mexico for causing riots.

445. STAN "PRETTY BOY" LEE (6'1", 240, 4, NL) Prides himself on being a snappy dresser, and his wrestling is nearly as sharp ... Current ICW heavyweight champion ... Native of Charlotte, North Carolina ... Stock is still rising.

446. IRISH BOBBY CLANCY (5'5", 200, 1, NL) Diminutive rookie from Windsor, Ontario ... Teamed with newcomer Phil Apollo to capture Border City Wrestling's Can-Am tag title ... Has tried out with the WWF ... Speed, agility compensates for smallness.

447. THE BIG KAHUNA (6'1", 360, 6, NL) Has teamed with brother Manu, and are currently AWU tag team champions as The Hawaiian Crunch ... Also competes in singles, but with far lesser success ... Uses bulkiness to full advantage.

448. STEVEN DEBBES (5'10", 219, 5, NL) South African junior heavyweight champion, labeled "The Tornado" in Puerto Rico-based WWF ... Another high-flying Justin Liger disciple ... Has also competed in Africa, Russia, and Japan.

449. ROCK STEVENS (6'4", 260, 2, NL) Champ in Detroit-based Motor City Wrestling, beating Irish Mickey Doyle after several losses ... Minnesota native trained by Brad Rheingans ... Uses flying lariat off top rope ... Former ICW Northern States champion.

450. PROF. JACK GRAHAM (5'10", 230, 13, NL) Formerly known as Chris Carter, but revealed his true identity during 1993 ... Had feud with brother Jerry, once known as Bruiser Bedham ... Now feuds with New Fabulous Kangaroos in UWA.

451. WOODY LEE (6'1", 260, 14, NL) Once nicknamed "Wildman," now called "Cowboy" ... Arizona native, veteran of Great Lakes independent federations ... Concentrated on singles after younger brother Bobby, his tag team partner, was sidelined with knee injury.

452. CPL. DARIL DANIALS (6'2", 211, 2, NL) Desert Storm veteran from Chicago, in Midwest independents ... Trained by Malcolm Monroe ... Originally a rulebreaker, now a fan favorite ... Initially concentrated on tag team action, now more focused on singles.

454. JUAN VALDES (5'9", 222, 3, NL) Mexican wrestler, not a Colombian coffee maker ... Should hop on his burro and leave South Florida, where he's been spectacularly unsuccessful ... A deaf competitor: puts fans to sleep.

455. SUPERKEY #1 (5'7", 191, 1, NL) Half of mysterious masked Asian team tearing up Motor City Wrestling ... Rookie from Singapore who was 1992 MCW Rookie of the Year ... Raised in Japan ... Miss Jeanne is current adviser.

456. MARK MEST (5'11", 368, 4, NL) Brother Troy supplies the science in their tag team, while "Big Mark" provides the power ... Super-large Pennsylvanian, independent star ... Splash is simply devastating ... Just keeps getting better and better.

457. EDDIE GOLDEN (5'11", 209, 5, NL) Nephew of Jimmy Golden, a fine wrestler in his own right ... Among the South's top light heavyweights, and a SSW champion ... Won 85 percent of his matches in 1992-93.

458. MAX CRIMSON (6', 251, 1, NL) The rulebreaker's rulebreaker ... New Orleans native supposedly has been banned in 32 states due to his brutality ... "Outlaw" competes in Pennsylvania and wherever else still allows him ... Inferior technical wrestler.

459. TERRY EMBRY (5'8", 215, 12, NL) Not related to Eric, says he's never even met him ... "Mr. Irresistible" is heavyweight champion of Kentucky-based Southern Wrestling Alliance ... Favorite move is off the top rope with chain.

460. J.R. JAMES (6', 247, 5, NL) How many wrestlers have five managers? He does ... How many are a third cousin of Jesse James? He says he is ... AWC rulebreaker carries bulldozer and cowbell ... Formerly in UWF.

461. SUPERKEY #2 (5'11", 195, 1, NL) Turned pro in Japan last December, was signed by Miss Jeanne in March and brought to Motor City Wrestling ... Rookie teammates sparkling as SuperKeys ... Slightly bigger and stronger than #1.

470. SPANN DECKS (5'11", 212, 3, NL) Aerialist from Georgia, nicknamed "The Atlanta Falcon" ... Not much in size or strength, but makes up for it in speed and technical skill ... Risk-taker popular with AWC fans.

471. DR. RED ROBERTS (6'1", 242, 13, NL) Master of the mental game in the ring ... Appropriately, he holds a Ph.D. in psychology ... Is a college professor ... Held ICW tag team title with Rusty Brooks in 1985.

472. THE VAGRANT (6', 245, 1, NL) Billed as coming from "the hard streets" ... Lost home, job in wake of Hurricane Andrew ... Wrestles where possible to keep going, especially in AWC ... Plays off people's sympathy by begging.

473. THE RIPPER (6'3", 265, 5, NL) The backbone of The Drifters tag team, partner of The Nomad ... Complements him in that he needs more strength, but has superior wrestling ability ... Stars in Mid-Atlantic independents.

474. WILD SAMOAN NICK (6'2", 405, 20, NL) Well-known among fans of southern independents ... Like many wrestling Samoans, a very powerful individual ... Quick for his size ... Extremely competitive ... Dangerous if taken lightly.

475. OTIS APOLLO (5'9", 225, 1, NL) Comprises Motor City Wrestling rookie tag team with Irish Bobby Clancy ... Won Border City Wrestling's Can-Am tag belts ... Had tryout with WCW earlier this year ... Trained by Mickey Doyle.

476. THE MISER (6', 241, 4, NL) Takes thriftiness to extremes ... Has won AWC tag title with T.J. Jackson ... Can be distracted by loose change around the ring ... Economical in energy expenditure, but you guessed that.

480. SPOOKY KOOL KID KEENE (6'4", 246, 2, NL) Wears white hood and sheets into ring; note his initials. He's deservedly despised ... Col. DeBeers with a Dixie accent ... Managed by a priest, who should be excommunicated ... In AWC.

481. THE LOOTER (6'2", 233, 2, NL) Masked wrestler arrived in AWC following Hurricane Andrew's devastation ... Notorious for stealing from opponents and fans, despised throughout federation ... Hails from Homestead, Florida, but little else is known about him.

482. DANNY LAW (6'1", 240, 10, NL) Former officer from Louisiana who had to leave the force due to excessive brutality ... AWC competitor now dispensing his own brand of justice ... Famed for "terminator" power bomb.



453. THE MOOSE (6'2", 278, 3, NL) Rocky Mountain native competes in Florida ... Like his animal namesake, not renowned for intelligence, but compensates with brute strength ... Never a pretty wrestler, yet he gets the job done.

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462. BILLY THE BUTCHER (6'5", 310, 4, NL) Former Texas tag team champion with his brother, Bob ... A one-time bodyguard from Mobile, Alabama ... Impervious to pain ... Knows many holds capable of permanently disabling an opponent.

463. TROY MEST (5'11", 232, 3, NL) He and big brother Mark comprise an increasingly successful tag team in the Mid-Atlantic region ... Quick, scientific, and extremely agile ... Will continue to improve.

464. THE NOMAD (6'5", 277, 2, NL) He and The Ripper make up The Drifters tag team ... Billed as hailing from "anywhere he damn well pleases" ... Intense competitor ... Has size and strength ... Needs to learn wrestling fundamentals.

465. SUPER BRAT (5'4", 200, 3, NL) PWF mighty mite getting everyone in federation riled up ... Has amazing backflip off top rope ... Knows how to use the ropes as well as any wrestler anywhere.

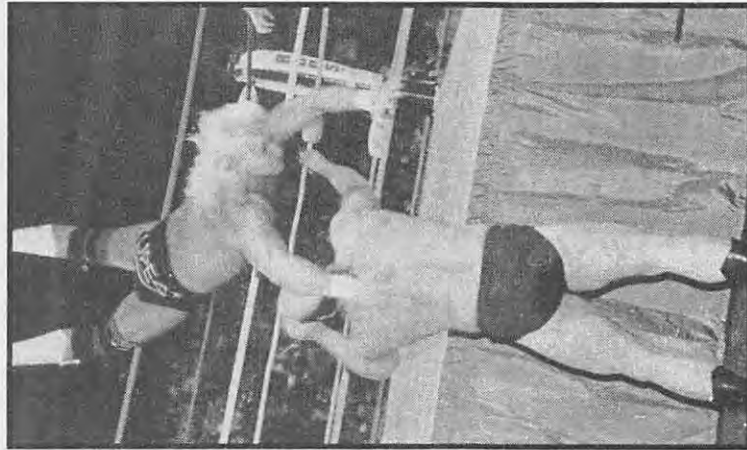
466. BOB THE BUTCHER (6'4", 410, 4, NL) Former cattle farmer and meat cutter, simply loves using those tools while wrestling ... He and brother Billy have won the Texas tag title ... Solid ring skills, yet prefers to brawl.

467. VINNIE BIONDO (5'10", 338, 2, NL) Will make you an offer you cannot refuse ... Competes in IWCCW, other Mid-Atlantic federations ... Not all that skilled, but doesn't have to be ... Wins lots of reverse decisions.

468. MR. NEW YORK (6'2", 243, 7, NL) NYC native competes in Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Trained by rulebreaker par excellence Prof. Boris Malenko ... Sneaky, crafty ... Can't seem to keep a tag team partner.

469. TONY GOLDEN (6'2", 262, 1, NL) Cousin of "Tennessee Stud" Jimmy Golden, though he's from Dayton, Ohio ... Works as bouncer when not competing in AWC ... Avid Elvis Presley fan, aims to leave foes "all shook up."

477. TONY PRICHARD (6', 235, 5, NL) Present All-States heavyweight champion on ... Has held other singles titles, and is also part of Bad Company tag team ... Intense competitor ... Hails from Nashville, Tennessee.

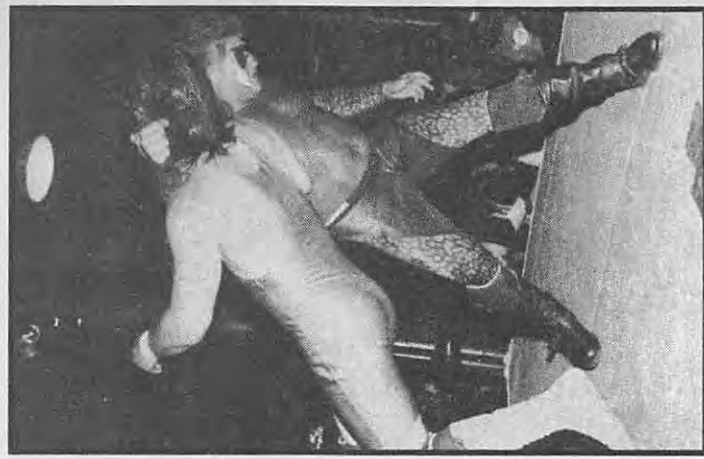


478. JOHNNY ACE (6'3", 250, 7, 295) Kicker and puncher, with some aerial skills ... One-time flagbearer for The Sheepherders competes in Japan these days ... He and Shane Douglas formed Dynamic Dudes in 1989.

479. DANNY CAMA (6', 239, 2, NL) This guy is arguably the ultimate "prelim bum" ... Lost 39 consecutive matches in the WWF before returning to South Florida ... Remains determined, despite his adversity ... From Denver, Colorado.

483. MISS TEXAS (5'6", 130, 7, NL) First woman in "PWI 500"; she's beaten several ranked men ... Was in USWA rankings during 1993 ... Has feuded with Jamie Dundee, Miss Simpson (Toni Adams), Sherri Martel, and Luna Vachon.

484. MEAN MIKE (5'11", 231, 7, NL) Picture Rush Limbaugh or Morton Downey Jr. as a wrestler, and you have this guy ... Charlotte, North Carolina, native who hosts radio, TV shows in Miami ... Notorious loudmouth.



485. JAMIE DUNDEE (5'8", 180, 2, NL) Feisty USWA middleweight champion ... Was repeatedly challenged by women's champ Miss Texas, and might have lost had it not been for Wolfie D's interference ... Son of Bill Dundee.

486. JAMES BLOND (5'11", 215, 1, NL) Hails from Beverly Hills, California. 90210? We're not sure ... In great shape ... Extremely arrogant, possibly overconfident ... Several attractive women usually accompany him into ring ... Competes in AWC.

487. THE DEMON HELLSTORM (5'11", 241, 1, NL) Claims to come from "the bowels of hell" ... A very powerful wrestler in AWC ... Mysterious and evil ... A loner who has no friends, takes no sides.

488. DR. RICARDO MONTANNA (5'10", 227, 1, NL) Chiropractor from Lansing, Michigan ... Helps drum up business by causing serious injuries to his opponents ... Sick and sadistic ... Competes in Florida-based AWC ... Wrestling's answer to Dr. Kevorkian.

489. MR. NASTY (6'1", 242, 10, NL) Mississippi's version of Jerry Lawler: Fan favorite in the Magnolia State, despised everywhere else ... Recently toured Japan ... Feuds with Crybaby Buxton ... Started in old Southwest area.

490. BARNEY MUNGIA (6', 231, 4, NL) This Barney's not purple, nor should he be allowed near kids ... AWC competitor who suggests kids steal and send him things ... Managed by his father, Fabulous Frank ... Please, become extinct!

491. SOULMAN ALEX G. (5'10", 235, 6, NL) Exceptionally skilled AWC star never sure what he wants to be ... Has frequently shifted from fan favorite to rulebreaker and back again ... Miami native doing well in local federation.

492. JIMMY LAMB (5'11", 220, 6, NL) A contender in Kentucky-based Southern Wrestling Association ... "Jammin' Jimmy" is a veteran of the Mid-South independent scene ... Excels at the crucifix finishing move.



493. THE NIGHT BREEDER (6'5", 302, 4, NL) Has held Texas All-Pro heavyweight belt, now competes in Lone Star-based AWU ... A roughneck, plain and simple ... Never satisfied until he destroys his opponent.

494. AMERICAN SCORPION (5'11", 215, 1, NL) Trained by Bobby and Blaine Rogers ... Has athletic style similar to Sting ... Fan favorite competes in Miami-based Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Is noted for tremendous conditioning.

495. HAWAIIAN KID (5'6", 219, 3, NL) Book 'em, Dan: This guy's from Maui, competes in Pacific Northwest ... Fan favorite with an acrobatic style despite his unorthodox move ... Sunset flip is his finishing move.

496. KIM BOKAMPER (6'6", 327, 4, NL) Name sound familiar, football fans? ... Former Dolphins star occasionally wrestles on South Florida charity cards ... Tag team partner is Jim Krick, a teammate from 1972's unbeaten Super Bowl champions.

497. MR. RIGHT (5'11", 220, 2, NL) Renowned for excellent amateur background ... Claims to be the right guy for every girl ... Competes on a regular basis in Florida-based Atlantic Wrestling Council ... Billed as hailing from "right now."

498. MR. LOVERMAN (5'6", 230, 3, NL) Makes any other Adrian look macho ... Frequently wrestles in a dress, wears wig and makeup ... Key West native rumored to be part woman ... Could he be Miss Texas' next male (?) opponent inside the ring?

499. SUPER MARIO (5', 400, 1, NL) No, not the video game character, and yes, those are his dimensions ... Owns pizzeria in Princeton, West Virginia, where visiting wrestlers eat ... Can hardly move a lick, but PWF fans love him. anyway

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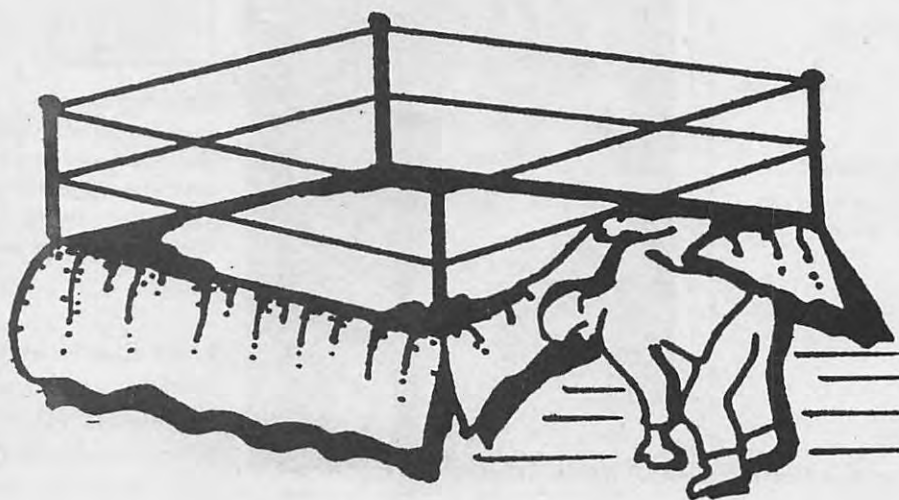
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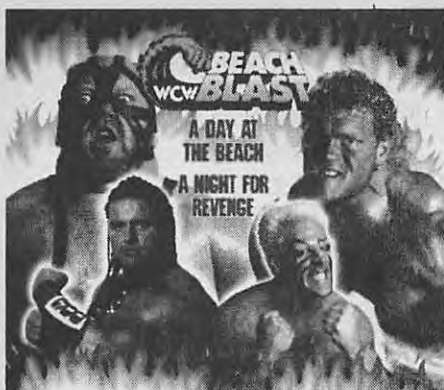
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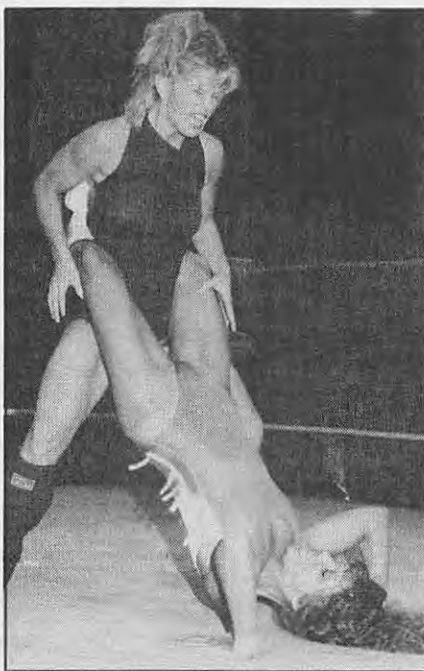
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career for the time being to help Roma learn the ropes. With any luck they'll also get the WCW World tag belts. Give Arn credit for acting as WCW's newest elder statesman.

CORY MARTINEZ
Augusta, GA

LIKES WOMEN'S WRESTLING

With all the pride in America going on today, why are all of the top American wrestling federations allowing Japan to lead the way in the area of women's wrestling? All the top women competitors have to go to Japan to get top matches.



American wrestling federations are missing out by not sanctioning more women's wrestling matches, according to reader George Walkley. He says it's a shame the women are forced to travel to Japan to compete.

These American federations should be ashamed of themselves, especially with talent here like Madusa Miceli, Rockin' Robin, Debbie

Malenko, and Bambi. Come on, guys, bring the women back!

GEORGE WALKLEY
Cincinnati

TRASH THE LABELS

In the September 1993 "Steel Cage," Chris Bernucca said that Ric



Labeling wrestlers "fan favorites" and "rulebreakers" is ridiculous, says reader John Michael Pluto. He contends that relentless competitors like The Undertaker, considered a fan favorite, break the rules as much as anyone.

Flair has wrestled most of his career as a rulebreaker and is now a fan favorite. I don't understand why certain wrestlers are rulebreakers and others are fan favorites. So-called fan favorites such as Hulk Hogan, "Mr. Perfect" Curt Hennig, The Undertaker, and Cactus Jack break more rules than all the Ric Flairs, Ted DiBiases, and Adam Bombs combined. Why can't we all just look at wrestlers individually and not worry about putting tags on them?

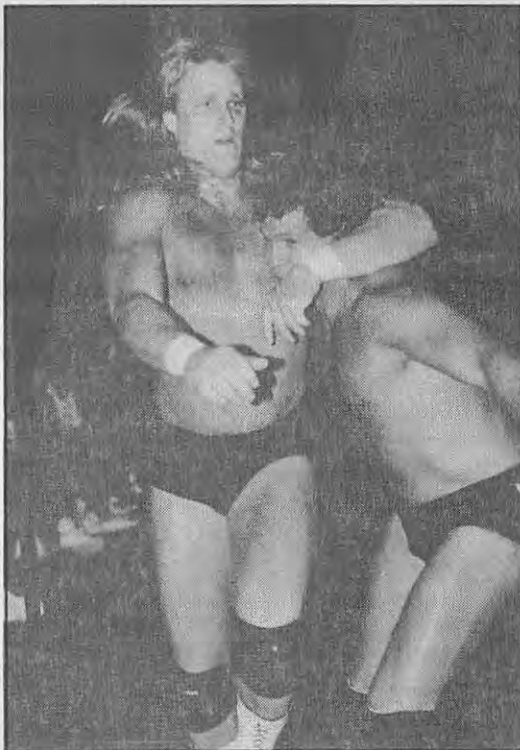
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☎ GIVE LEE A BREAK

I've heard enough people criticize Brian Lee for turning rulebreaker, attacking Tracey Smothers, and accepting Tammy Fytch's offer to be his manager.

The same people will tell you that you have to look out for yourself in wrestling. Brian got as far as he could with Smothers as his friend. He needed to establish his own identity. Unfortunately, doing that meant he had to turn on Tracey. Now Smothers expects sympathy from the fans because of what happened. Let me tell you something, Tracey: If you don't stop crying and start planning a strategy against Brian, you'll never have a prayer of getting your precious Smoky Mountain title back.

LARRY FLYNN
Maryville, TN □



He did what he had to do, reader Larry Flynn says of "Prime Time" Brian Lee. Many people have criticized Lee for turning on friend Tracey Smothers, but Flynn says it was necessary if Lee was ever to become a great wrestler.



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400-plus pounder lost?

As much as I hated to say it, I thought **Bob Backlund** would be better off calling it a career. Then I heard about his stunning upset of **Adam Bomb** in Wildwood, New Jersey. I guess you can never count out a veteran like Backlund. In our offices, we say it about a lot of wrestlers, but I'll say it again about Mr. Bomb: so much talent,

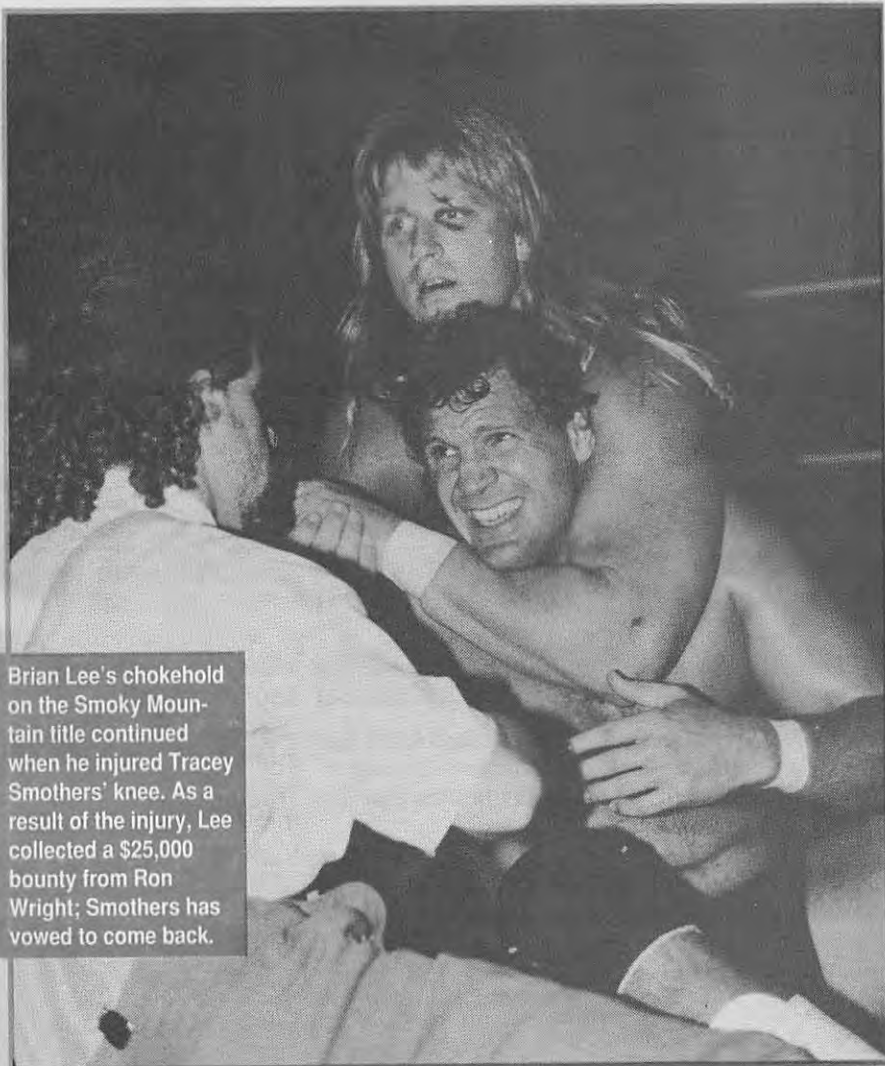
so little results!

In Bomb's former stomping grounds, Smoky Mountain Wrestling, action is as spirited as ever. Smoky Mountain champion **Brian Lee** made good on his promise to collect the \$25,000 bounty on **Tracey Smothers'** head. In a match in Johnson City, Tennessee, Lee caught Smothers in a figure-four leglock.

It was later announced Smothers suffered torn knee ligaments that would keep him out



Is Bob Backlund really back this time? The former WWF World champion's career had been floundering since he returned to the federation earlier this year. A recent victory over the intimidating Adam Bomb in Wildwood, New Jersey, infused new life into his comeback.



Brian Lee's chokehold on the Smoky Mountain title continued when he injured Tracey Smothers' knee. As a result of the injury, Lee collected a \$25,000 bounty from Ron Wright; Smothers has vowed to come back.

of action for several weeks. **Ron Wright** presented Lee with the bounty check. Smothers has confided that he isn't through with Lee, but Lee says if Tracey comes back he'll just injure him again.

Smothers' old nemesis "**Dirty White Boy**" **Tony Anthony**, who is managed by Wright, also wanted his piece of the bounty. Lee and underhanded manager **Tammy Fytch** said they were going to spend the money for a vacation and a new dress for Tammy. Fytch then kissed Wright, which didn't make Anthony happy. Those two may be on the outs. Stay tuned.

There's also talk in Smoky Mountain country that the **Tim**

Horner-Chris Candido feud is set to take a more violent turn. The two have battled each other in a series of baby bottle matches, with the loser of each match being forced to drink from a bottle like an infant.

Now Horner and Candido are negotiating for a series of "country whippin'" bouts.

Big Bossman made an impressive debut in SMW. He defeated **Kevin Sullivan** in a 16-minute match that thrilled fans. Bossman says there are too many wrestlers running afoul of the law in SMW. He's even picked up a referee's license there.

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Globetrotting was never Colon's style.

"I have always felt that right here in the World Wrestling

strated what made him so successful and so popular with his fans. Characteristically, Abdullah attempted to draw blood. As usual, Colon's defenses were his craftiness and technical superiority. To watch Colon battle this behemoth who outweighs him by well over 100 pounds is to watch a master at work.

This time, the cheers for Colon were just a little bit louder. This time, he received just a little bit more inspiration from them.

"I will miss it," Colon sighed as he celebrated his final victory. "I think I'm always going to have that urge to jump in the ring. But my body



Colon twists the arm of Ric Flair. Many people forget that Flair once held the Universal title that means so much to Colon. "Carlitos" thrilled fans in Puerto Rico when he defeated Flair to capture that belt.

Council, there is plenty of competition for me," he said. "I never felt the need to travel much."

What remains unspoken—and what Colon is reluctant to discuss—is that the talent pool dried up considerably following the 1988 murder of Bruiser Brody. Brody's death cast a pall over wrestling in Puerto Rico. Many Americans still refuse to compete there.

There is little question that Colon's reputation was damaged by the Brody murder. That was inevitable, considering how closely identified he is with wrestling in Puerto Rico.

"It isn't fair," said a friend of Colon's, "but Carlos accepts it. He realizes it'd be a waste of time to try to change people's minds."

Few will deny, however, that Colon has had an outstanding career. He can count victories over stars like Roddy Piper, Dory Funk Jr., Ernie Ladd, and Ivan Koloff. And, of course, he can count all those Universal titles.

In his final bouts against Abdullah, Colon again demon-



Colon executes a flying bodypress on the legendary Dory Funk Jr. The popular Colon's craftiness and technical skills helped make him a champion in a number of nations. But he will always consider Puerto Rico his home.

says it's time to quit. I have to respect that."

In Ponce, they're saying goodbye. In Bayamon, they're wishing for more. And in Caguas, they're crying, but not too much. □

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Cactus Jack had to be reminded that it was Big Van Vader who put him in the hospital by power-bombing him on the concrete floor. Cactus says he doesn't blame Vader for what he did; he only wishes he had done something similar to the WCW World champion first.

Cactus Jack

CACTUS JACK DOESN'T fully recall the events of April 21, 1993. Perhaps it's better he forget what happened on that horrible night in Atlanta, when Big Van Vader power-bombed him on the cement floor of the Center Stage Theater.

No matter how many times it is replayed on TV, the terrifying sight of Jack's skull and shoulders bouncing off the cement never fails to have a chilling effect. It is like watching the shower scene from *Psycho*.

Jack suffered a severe concussion and periodic spells of amnesia and was hospitalized for several weeks. Doctors say he is lucky to be alive; one inch either way and he might have been paralyzed ... or worse.

A lesser man would have quit wrestling. A saner man would have stayed at least 100 miles away from Vader and manager Harley Race. But nobody ever accused Cactus Jack of thinking rationally. As soon as doctors gave him the go-ahead, Cactus began training for his comeback.

He has always been a wrestler who is at his best when the rules are thrown aside. He specializes in falls-count-anywhere matches. Cactus already had reason for revenge when Vader, Paul Orndorff, Barry Windham, and Harley Race attacked him in January. The Center Stage incident only intensified his desire. Cactus has the fans' support, and he plans on using his momentum to do unto Vader what Vader did unto him.

At press time, Cactus Jack was preparing to wrestle Vader in a "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" match at Halloween Havoc '93 on October 24 at the Lakefront Arena in New Orleans. **PWI** sent Senior Writers Dave Rosenbaum and Chris Bernucca, and Senior Editor Bill Apter to speak with the unpredictable Jack about his unlikely comeback.

BILL APTER: Cactus. I've known you a long time ...

CACTUS JACK: So we're buddies?

APTER: Right, I knew you when you wrestled for peanuts in high school gyms.

CACTUS JACK: I'd still do it if I had to.

APTER: I know you would. The thing is, you're a long way from high school gyms. This is the big time and Vader has his mind on destroying you.

CACTUS JACK: Where's Vader?

APTER: I don't know, but he's coming after you.

CACTUS JACK: No way. I'm coming after him.

DAVE ROSENBAUM: That's a good attitude, but he's perfectly healthy and you're not.

CACTUS JACK: He won't be feelin' real great for long, and I'm good as new.

CHRIS BERNUCCA: But your doctors say a similar injury to a similar spot, like the time Vader power-bombed you, could cause permanent injury.

CACTUS JACK: So what?

BERNUCCA: What do you mean, so what? We're talking about permanent injury.

CACTUS JACK: A ship in its harbor is safe. But ships were not meant to stay in their harbors.

ROSENBAUM: I don't believe this. Cactus Jack is quoting bad pop poster poetry.

CACTUS JACK: I got a lot of fan mail in the hospital.

BERNUCCA: I'm sure. But did you have to memorize it?

CACTUS JACK: It kept my mind off killing Vader and Race.

ROSENBAUM: Here we go. That's the Cactus Jack we know and love, but don't entirely trust. C'mon, Cactus, tell us how much you want to get them.

CACTUS JACK: They're dead.

I'm going to tear Race's head from his body and I'm going to twist Vader's legs into a million shapes. Anybody who watches Halloween Havoc better not be easily spooked.

APTER: You're not easily spooked, are you?

CACTUS JACK: Better believe I'm not easily spooked. Vader's the one who has to worry. There are 12 spots on that wheel and 10 of them mean trouble for him.

ROSENBAUM: And the other two?

**"I'm going to
tear Race's head
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and I'm going to
twist Vader's legs
into a million
shapes."**

CACTUS JACK: Big trouble for him.

APTER: Let's say you control the wheel. Where'd you like to see it end up?

CACTUS JACK: Barbed wire, steel cage, first blood, spinner's choice ...

APTER: You love that spinner's

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Cactus claims he has no set plan for his Halloween Havoc "Spin The Wheel, Make The Deal" match against Vader. Since he hasn't mapped out a strategy, he says no one can read his convoluted mind.

need no plan. What do I need with no plan?

ROSENBAUM: I'm sure Vader has one.

CACTUS JACK: Good. Then I'll figure it out and he'll be done. When you got no plan, nobody can read your mind.

BERNUCCA: I don't think anybody could read your mind.

CACTUS JACK: Thank you.

BERNUCCA: I'm not sure I meant it as a compliment. Let's face it: What Vader did to you could only have knocked everything back where it belonged.

CACTUS JACK: What?

APTER: You're in trouble, Chris.

CACTUS JACK: Why?

APTER: Maybe you're not.

CACTUS JACK: Nobody's in

choice spot, don't you? What would you choose?

CACTUS JACK: You know that, Billy.

APTER: Falls count anywhere?

CACTUS JACK: Bingo.

ROSENBAUM: That's your game.

CACTUS JACK: The problem with wrestling is that there are too many rules. I don't have any argument with what Vader and Race did to me. I would've done the same thing to both Vader and Race. I just wish I had thought of it sooner.

BERNUCCA: Kind of like, do unto others ...

CACTUS JACK: As they would do unto you. You got it. If Vader wants to do the same thing again, he can come and try. I'm inviting him, but he better be ready to have the same thing done to him. I'm wrestling on the payback plan.

ROSENBAUM: What other way is there?

CACTUS JACK: None for me. Everybody knows how I wrestle. It ain't pretty, but it's effective. Vader got the first knockdown, but the rest are all mine.

APTER: And if he hospitalizes you again?

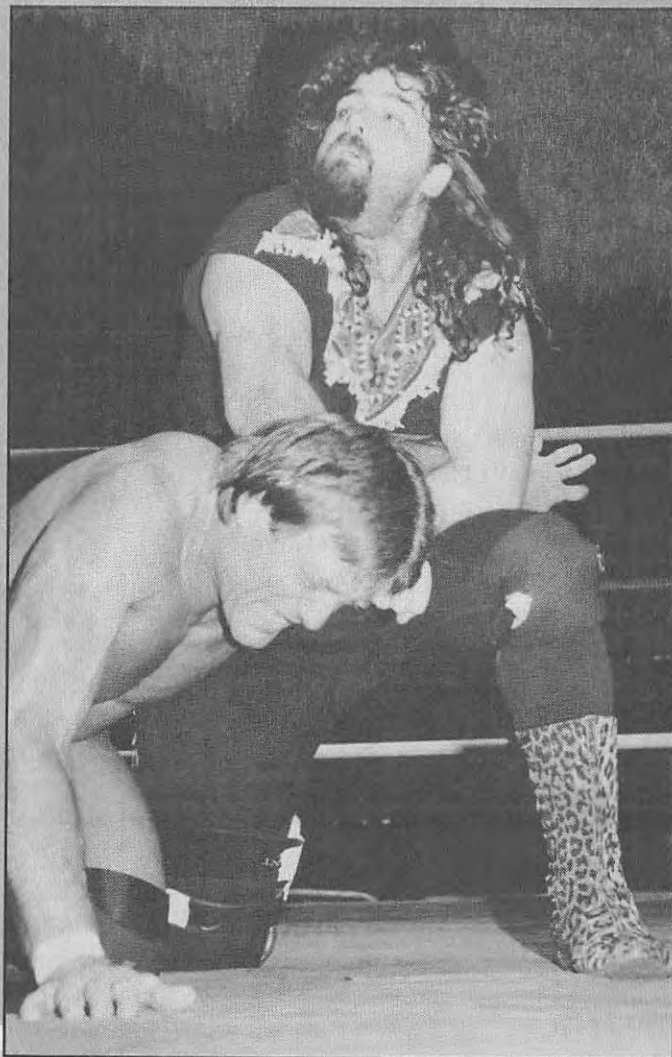
CACTUS JACK: Vader'll have to kill me first. I'm not going back

to no hospital, not in one piece.

BERNUCCA: I'm sure Vader would agree with you. But you must have a plan.

CACTUS JACK: Plan? I don't

The unpredictable Jack armlocks Paul Orndorff. Though he claims he likes no one, Cactus' personal most hated list probably has "Mr. Wonderful," along with Vader, right near the top.



Cactus engages fan favorite Sting in a front facelock. At the time of the Vader attack, Cactus, too, was a fan favorite. Given his passion for revenge, it wouldn't be surprising if he suddenly reverted to his rule-breaking ways.



trouble. Only Vader and Race.

ROSENBAUM: Have you thought about who you hate more, Vader or Race?

CACTUS JACK: What does it matter? I hate 'em both.

BERNUCCA: Have you seen the replay of what Vader did to you?

CACTUS JACK: Saw it. Felt it. Don't remember it, so it's a good thing there are tapes.

APTER: What was your first reaction when you saw it?

CACTUS JACK: I said, "So that's who did it to me."

ROSENBAUM: You didn't know?

CACTUS JACK: I didn't remember. My melon was knocked around pretty good, you know.

ROSENBAUM: Didn't the doctors tell you to retire?

CACTUS JACK: They didn't waste their breath. Look, Rosenbaum, I'm built for one of two things: kicking butt or robbing banks. I'm no robber, so I'm left with one choice, and the wrestling ring's the only place I

can do it legally.

BERNUCCA: So retirement isn't

in the plans.

CACTUS JACK: It is. For Vader.

APTER: Wasn't there a time when you thought Race was a pretty good manager?

CACTUS JACK: Never. He's a leech and that's all he is. A has-been. Never liked him, never will.

APTER: And Paul Orndorff?

CACTUS JACK: What about him?

APTER: Like him or hate him?

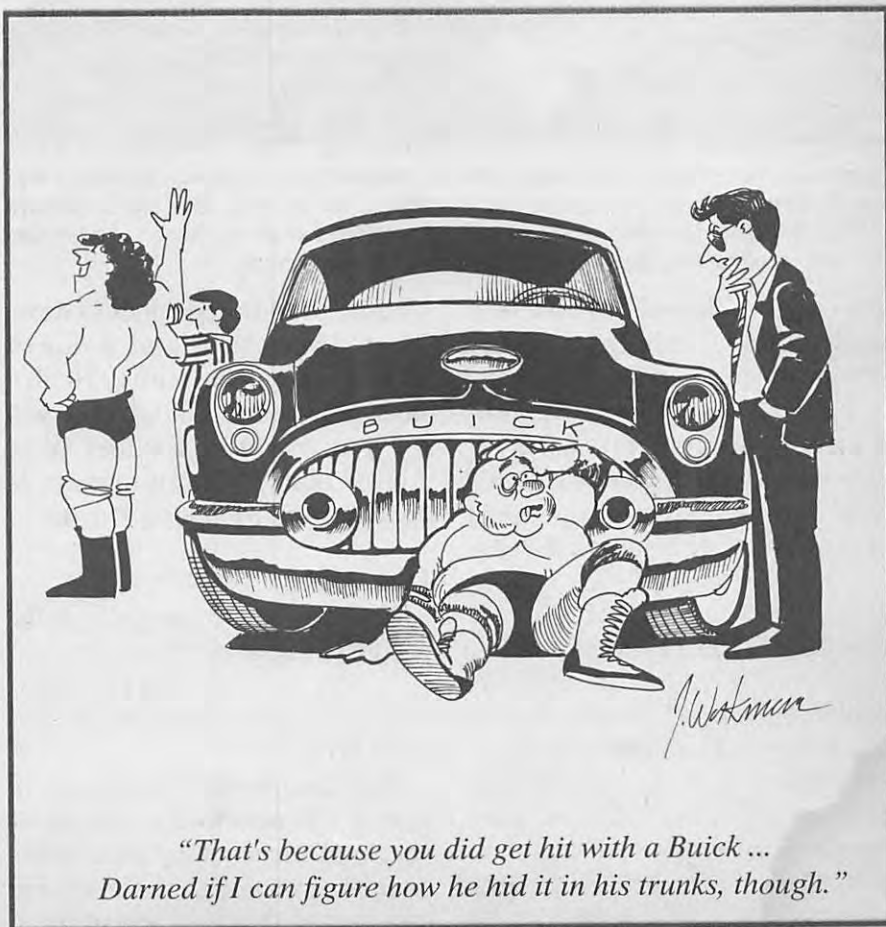
CACTUS JACK: I don't like anyone, Bill. Put it this way, you're a good soul, but if I never saw you again, it wouldn't bother me at all.

BERNUCCA: Bill, I think he loves you.

CACTUS JACK: I don't have time for love. I only have time for revenge.

ROSENBAUM: So I guess our time is up. Thanks for your time, and good luck against Vader.

CACTUS JACK: I don't need luck. Vader does. □



off the top rope

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bow. Frustrated by his stable's inability to conquer the wild Indian, Albano entered the ring himself, and though he got the pasta beaten out of him, he inspired a whole generation of rulebreakers. With his face an

Dear Shawn,

Listen, you little snot, when you grow up you can be any kind of wrestler you want. The men you mention—and add to your list The Sheik, Abdullah the Butcher, and a new kid named Bruiser Brody—compose the rarest kind of rulebreaker. They have not submitted to the popular will and sold out the way Bruiser and

thrive, however, it will require a leap in imagination and technology. The regional federation is a dinosaur on its way out. Wrestling must cultivate national and international stars who reach into every nook and TV room in the country. Someday, I see wrestlers acting like other famous athletes, shilling everything from beef jerky to deodorant. Wrestlers will cross over to other media; they will act, record albums, appear on talk shows, and chair charitable organizations.

Dear Eddie,

In your opinion, who was the athlete of the year?

WENDELL JONES

Brooklyn, NY

Dear Wendell,

Joe Namath; I hear he dated 500 women last year. Let's see Dory Funk Jr. top that. ☐



Capt. Lou Albano's bold challenge of Native American star Chief Jay Strongbow was hands-down the most courageous and outrageous act of 1973, says Ellner. He says although Albano was destroyed in the ring, he inspired a whole generation of rulebreakers and would be a manager of many champions in years to come.

unrecognizable mask of torn flesh and blood, Albano looked Strongbow in the eyes and laughed. Many consider the Captain mad; I say we have amongst us a true genius who will win many titles for many wrestlers before his work is done.

Dear Eddie,

What's with the animal acts in wrestling today? I mean, guys like Moondog Mayne, George Steele, and Pampero Firpo belong in cages, not rings. I go to see men wrestle, not eat turnbuckles and glass. I say get rid of them.

SHAWN MICHAELS
Pittsburgh, PA

Crusher and the Blackjacks have. They are beasts, and damned proud of it. Poll any 10 fan favorites, and to a man, they will tell you they'd rather kiss Spiro Agnew than spend 10 minutes in the ring with Moondog Mayne.

Dear Eddie,

What do you see happening in the sport over the next 15 years?

WILL CLARK
New Orleans, LA

Dear Will,

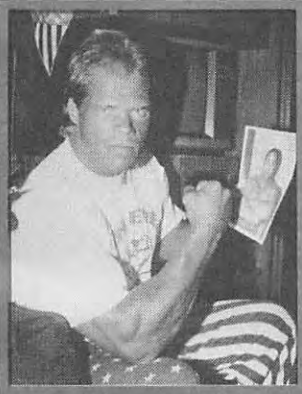
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There's nothing wrong with beasts like George "The Animal" Steele, contends Ellner. He believes men like the savage Steele are among the rare breed of wrestlers who haven't sold out and are very proud of the unorthodox way they carry themselves in the ring.

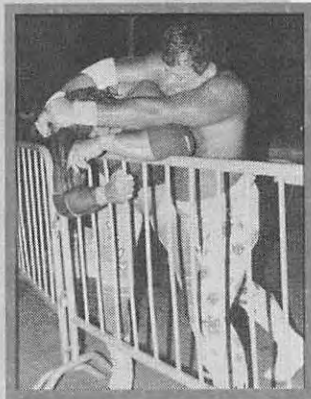
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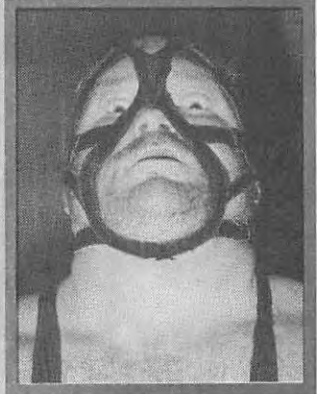
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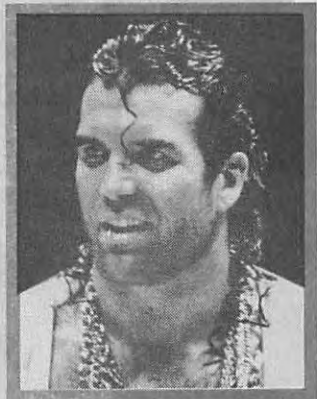
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HARTS USE DIRTY TACTICS TO WIN IN MEMPHIS

Bret And Owen Aren't So Popular In Lawler Country

By BILL APTER

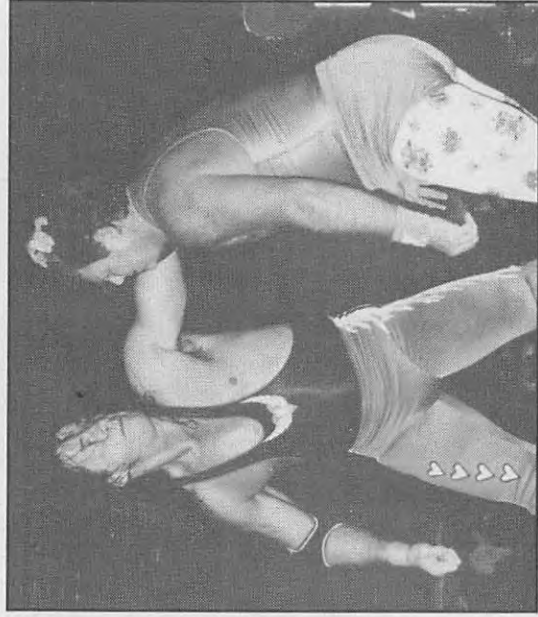
MEMPHIS—In a surprising role reversal, Bret and Owen Hart used brass knuckles and got help from hated USWA manager Bert Prentice to defeat local heroes Jerry "The King" Lawler and Jeff Jarrett in a controversy-filled tag team match. Bret scored the pin on Lawler.

While referee Paul Neighbors attempted to break up a brawl between Bret, Jarrett, and Bert Prentice in one corner, Lawler piledrived Owen. The fans went crazy. With Neighbors busy trying to move Jarrett back into his corner, Prentice slipped the "Hitman" a pair of brass knuckles. Bret kayoed

Lawler, slipped the knuckles into his brother's tights, then covered Lawler.

"The King" had been criticized for his "schizophrenia" in wrestling lately. He is treated royally in the USWA, but he refers to WWF fans as idiots and dresses in the rulebreakers' locker room in that federation. Insiders were stunned when Bret Hart adopted a rulebreaker attitude in his USWA bouts.

"I was willing to give Bret some respect when he came to Memphis," said one USWA fan. "Of course I'll always be loyal to Jerry and Jeff, but let's face it: Bret's also a great wrestler. When he insulted the South, that was it. He has no business doing that. He's not welcome in Memphis anymore."



WWF fan favorite Bret Hart turned into a dirty rulebreaker when he and brother Owen ventured into Jerry Lawler territory to face "The King" and Jeff Jarrett.

Cactus Jack Alive And Well in WCW

By CRAIG PETERS

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—The search for Cactus Jack officially ended when the madman from Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, came to the aid of "British Bulldog" Davey Boy Smith at Clash of the Champions XXIV.

Davey Boy had just been pinned by WCW World champion Big Van Vader in a no-disqualification match. The victory was controversial in that manager Harley Race had interfered while referee Nick Patrick was knocked out.

Cactus saw to it that Vader and Race couldn't inflict further damage on a weary Davey Boy after the match when he stormed the ring to chase away the rulebreaking duo. The fans cheered him wildly. Cactus had been out of action since being brutally power-bombed on the concrete floor by Vader in April.

"I would have taken on Vader right then," said Jack. "Who cares if we didn't have a sanctioned match? Let's fight on the street, or in the parking lot, or on the roof of the arena. We don't need rules or referees."



Cactus Jack is back ... and he's still after WCW World champ Big Van Vader.



Jake Roberts was his usual slithery self when he entered the GWF and targeted nasty brawler Killer Brooks.

Roberts Attacks Killer Brooks In Global

By CHRIS BERNUCCA

DALLAS—Jake Roberts reared his ugly head in the GWF, making Friday the 13th a very unlucky day for Killer Brooks.

Roberts surprised fans when he charged the ring to attack Brooks and Gen. Akbar. "The Snake" is known for sticking his nose where it doesn't belong and especially likes to interfere in matches. A major feud between Roberts and the equally nasty Brooks was expected to develop.

"I just don't like the guy," said Roberts. "Let's leave it at that. If I don't like someone, I'll do what I have to do to get rid of him. I intend to destroy the man, and I can't think of any reason why I won't accomplish that in a very short period of time."

"Tell him he started a feud with the wrong man," yelled an angry Brooks. "No one in wrestling is meaner or dirtier than I am. He can knock me down all he wants. I'll just keep coming back for more."

AROUND THE GLOBE

TOKYO, JAPAN

Ted DiBiase may have departed the WWF—at least temporarily—but that doesn't mean he's through with tag team glory. A three-time WWF World tag team champion with Money Inc., DiBiase, at press time, was gearing up for a trip to the Orient. He planned on forming a tag team with Stan Hansen. They were seeking the PWF International tag team title held by Akira Taue and Toshiaki Kowada.

CHIBA, JAPAN

Arguably the best aerial wrestler of all time, Mil Mascaras was set to make his New Japan debut. Mascaras, who thrilled fans in the '70s and '80s, will team with Ultimo Dragon against one of today's top high-flyers, Jushin Liger, and El Samurai. Sources in Japan claimed it would be one of the most anticipated matches in a long time.

CAGUAS, PUERTO RICO

With Sherri Martel temporarily out of the picture, Luna Vachon found a new opponent south of the border: the lovely Madusa. Luna used a splash off the ropes to defeat Madusa, though Madusa got revenge in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The Bushwhackers also appeared on both cards. They defeated both John Savage and Doink II, as well as Mr. Hughes and Warlord.

Sullivan Ponders Managing Bruise Brothers

By DAVE ROSENBAUM

JOHNSON CITY, TN—Once Jim Cornette's pride and joy, The Bruise Brothers appear to have a new—and even more devious—man in their corner. At press time, Kevin Sullivan was rumored to be taking over as adviser of The Bruise Brothers.

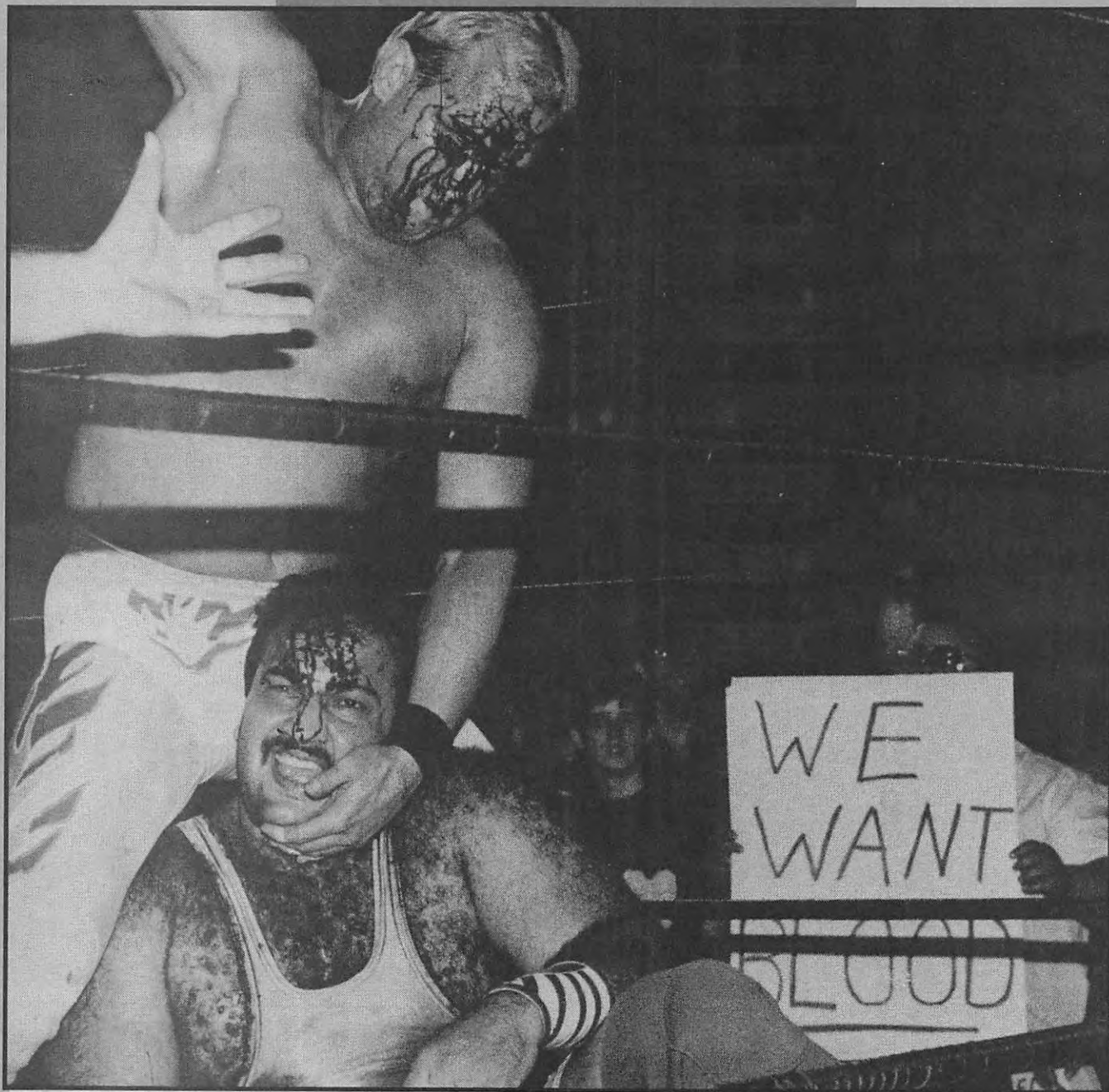
Rumors were circulating about the relationship between Cornette and the Smoky Mountain tag team champs ending. No reason was given for the rumored separation, but some sources indicated that Cornette may be concerned about spread-

ing himself too thin. He, of course, has interests in both Smoky Mountain and the WWF.

"I have big plans for The Bruise Brothers," Sullivan said with a sly smile. "I won't reveal what we're going to do, but let's say that the action here could get even bloodier than ever. Just the way I like it."

Sullivan has other problems: Big Bossman has been hot on his tail since arriving in SMW.

HOT SHOT



Who said the dirtiest rulebreakers never cater to the fans' wishes? One of ECW's meanest and most rugged competitors, Eddie Gilbert, was clearly willing to comply with a blood-thirsty Philadelphia fan's request to see the juices flow inside the ring. Here "Hot Stuff" tries to add to the already-grotesque handiwork he's done on the face of Miguel Perez Jr. Unfortunately for Gilbert, by this point Perez had already done his share of damage to his pretty mug!

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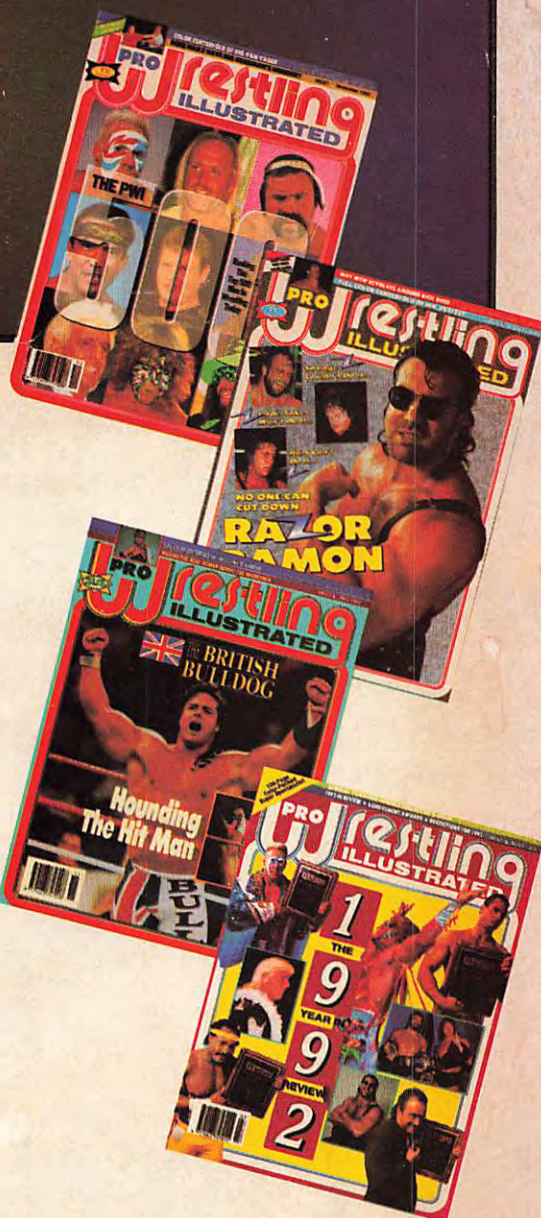
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